

Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100



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County of San Bernardino*



Law Day 2020

Law Day, held annually in May, is a nationally recognized day to celebrate the rule of law, the role of the judiciary, and the importance of civic education. This year's theme is "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100."

Since 2015, Law Day has been an annual tradition at the San Bernardino Superior Court, welcoming over 1,000 students to the court.



The Constitution

Guarantees that the right to vote shall not be denied on account of sex under the 19th Amendment.

19th Amendment

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.



Women's Suffrage

- The women's suffrage movement was a decades-long fight to win the right to vote for women in the United States
- On August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was finally ratified



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

“The right to vote is the foundation of American democracy. Your vote shapes the future of our nation, our state, and your community. *Your participation matters.*”

-Alex Padilla, Secretary of State

Judiciary

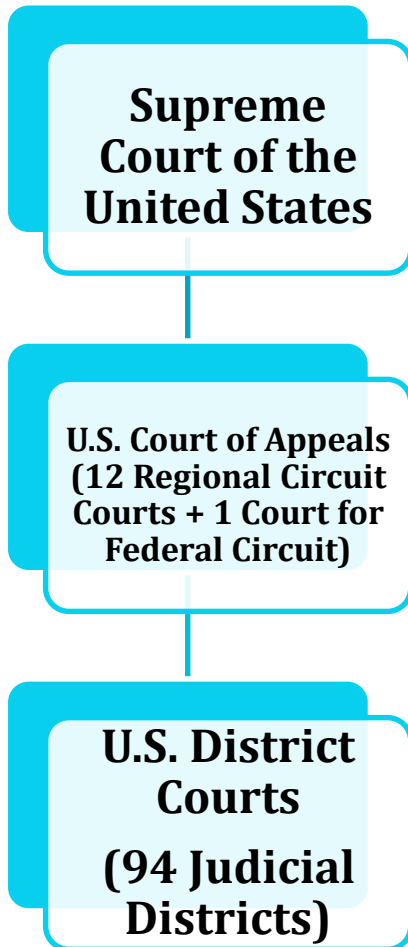
Interprets the law & determines
constitutionality of laws



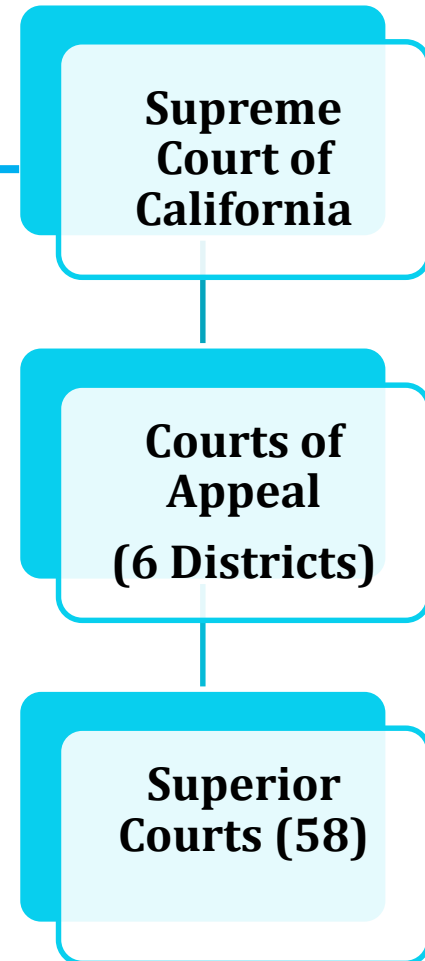
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Federal Judicial System



California Judicial System



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Supreme Court of the United States



Chief Justice John
Roberts



Justice Clarence
Thomas



Justice Ruth
Ginsburg



Justice Stephen
Breyer



Justice Brett
Kavanaugh



Justice Sonia
Sotomayor



Justice Elena
Kagan



Justice Neil
Gorsuch



Justice Samuel
Alito



Supreme Court of California



California Supreme Court Justices:

Mariano-Florentino Cuellar, Kathryn Werdegar, Carol Corrigan, Tani Cantil-Sakauye (Chief Justice), Goodwin Liu, Ming Chin, Leondra Kruger



California Judicial Branch

- Largest court system in the nation, serving over 38 million people
- Over 500 court locations
- Approximately 19,000 court employees
- Estimated 4.5 million Californians self represented in court
- Approximately 1.4% of the state General Fund allocated for the judicial branch in FY 2018-2019



"The judicial power of this State is vested in the Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and superior courts, all of which are courts of the record."

-CA Constitution, Article VI



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LARGEST GEOGRAPHIC COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES

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San Bernardino Superior Court



12 COURT FACILITIES, SERVING OVER 2 MILLION RESIDENTS

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San Bernardino Superior Court



1,100+ Court Employees & 94 Judicial Officers

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Judicial Review

The power to interpret and
strike down any law that is
found to be unconstitutional



HOW JUDICIAL REVIEW WORKS



*First, a complaint
about a law's
constitutionality is
made to the court.*

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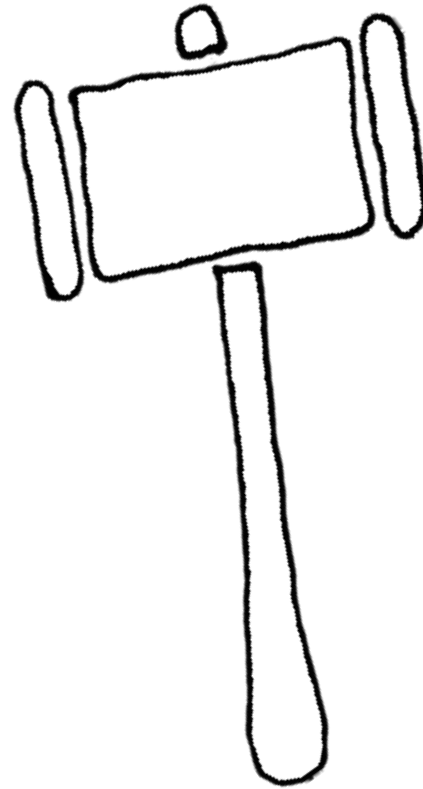
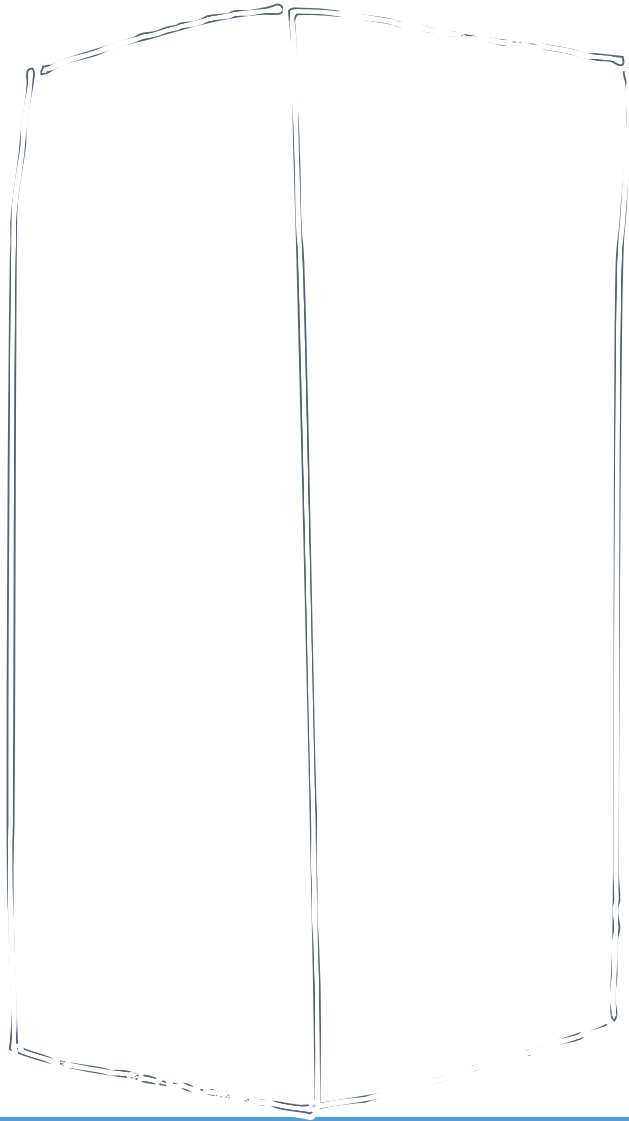
Then, judges hear the case, giving everyone an opportunity to explain their perspective



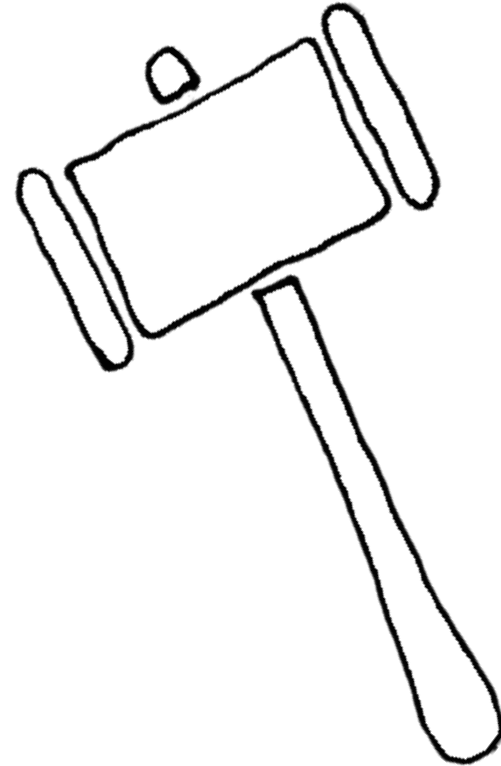
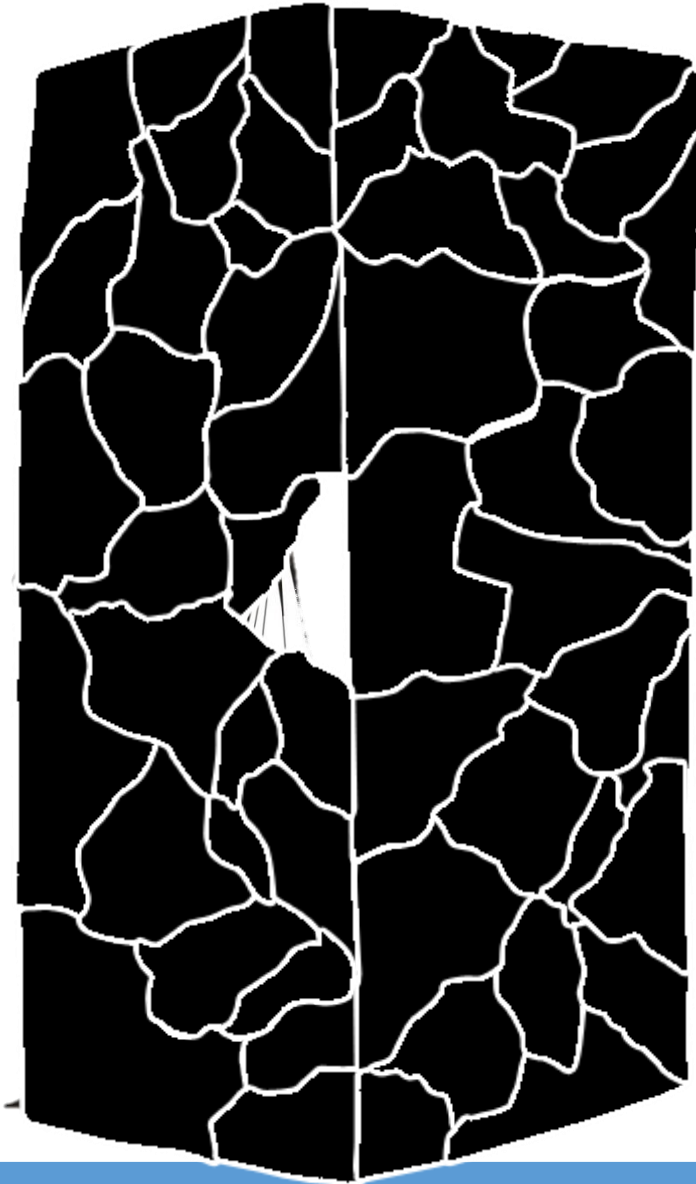
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Judges review the Constitution and precedent to determine if a law is unconstitutional.



Judges rule against any unconstitutional law to protect the rights of all citizens.



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POWER OF JUDICIAL REVIEW

Landmark Case



Power of Judicial Review

VOTING

Leser v. Garnett (1922)

- While the 19th Amendment granted women the right to vote, Leser made sure that the right could actually be used, even where the state constitution said otherwise.
- Justice Brandeis delivered the UNANIMOUS opinion of the Court in favor of the two women from Maryland.



“Democracy will not long survive without a knowledgeable public that zealously protects it.”

Michael S. Greco,
Former President, American Bar Association



Law Day 2020

Youth

- Women's Suffrage BINGO
- Art Contest
 - Elementary School
 - Middle School
 - High school
- Word Search Activities
- Online Scavenger Hunt

Community at Large

- Informational Outreach



RESOURCES

The Self-Help Resource Center provides assistance (in person, by phone, or email) with the following:

- Family law
- Child Support
- Guardianship
- Landlord / Tenant
- Small Claims

**For more information, see sb-court.org/SelfHelp.aspx*

Children's Waiting Rooms:

Supervised environments for children (2 ½ to 14 years of age)

- San Bernardino Justice Center
- Historic Courthouse
- Fontana Courthouse

**For more information, see sbcourt.org/GeneralInfo/ChildrensWaitingRooms.aspx*

