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LWV-TX Celebrates Law Day and the Importance of Fair Courts

[Austin] – LWV-TX President Karen Nicholson emphasizes the importance of fair and impartial courts to the people of Texas on national Law Day, May 1.

Law Day was created in 1958 by the American Bar Association and President Dwight D. Eisenhower as an annual celebration of the rule of law so fundamental to a democracy. LWV is a long-time cooperating partner helping to underscore how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share.

“Public trust in the courts is essential to the rule of law,” according to Nicholson. “A transparent, independent, and diverse judiciary is necessary to guarantee that all Texans perceive their justice system as fair and impartial.”

LWV-TX has worked for decades to help Texans understand the Texas judicial system and make informed choices in judicial elections. Nonpartisan LWV-TX *Voters Guides* to each election help voters cast an informed ballot by providing the unedited views of judicial candidates in contested races for the Texas Supreme Court, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, and regional Courts of Appeal. *Voters Guides* of the 29 local Leagues in Texas include additional coverage of locally contested judicial races.

“The Texas Judicial System” provides a basic understanding of judicial selection and courts in Texas. It is available on the LWV-TX website in English at http://lwvtexas.org/pdf_files/IS_JudSysE.pdf and in Spanish at http://lwvtexas.org/pdf_files/IS_JudSysS.pdf.

The 2011 Law Day theme, the legacy of John Adams, explores the historical and contemporary role of lawyers in defending the rights of the accused, and aims to renew public understanding of and appreciation for the fundamental principle of the rule of law.

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