

Inspirations from LWVUS Leadership on Texas and National Voting Rights Issues
02/23/2016

As individual League members we don't often get a sense of the place we have on the national stage. I want to share a good example that's evident in one of the several voting rights cases pending in the Supreme Court of the United States, otherwise known popularly as SCOTUS.

This blog is not dedicated to the facts of these cases since that is the subject of a separate blog. But, I want to call your attention to the folks we run with in pursuit of voting rights.

Oddly enough, in one of the cases -- ***Sue Evenwel, et al, Appellants, v. Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, et al, Appellees***, our League of Women Voters of the United States is part of a major friendly brief in support of the Appellees.

That Amicus Curiae brief is filed by the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. LWV US is one of 301 participating organizations forming that group. LWV US is one of the 27 members of the group's Executive Committee. You will be overwhelmed, amazed and quite proud to see the other [legendary organizations](#) on the list (Appendix A).

Additionally, not only are we part of the Leadership conference, but LWV US is also one of the 20 groups who were [individual signatories](#) to the Evenwel brief (Appendix B).

Be proud of what you individually do to promote voting rights in your community and our state. I am truly inspired to know what our national leaders and staff are doing to truly make a difference in these court cases. We get so caught up in our own deadlines and responsibilities that we don't read everything they send our way.

This is one case (pun intended) you need to know about!

The other take-away I have: when I see this list of 301 organizations that we collaborate with nationally, it opens my eyes to other groups we should be talking with on the local and state levels too. If you study Appendix A listing those "legendary organizations" you may find one or more good partners on the state or local level to approach in your own efforts!