

OUR GOALS

Nevadans for Judicial Progress strives to:

- Ensure a fully-staffed judiciary so justice is not delayed
- Bring diversity of thought and background to our federal courts
- Keep our judges accountable on the issues that matter to Nevadans
- Educate Nevadans on the importance of the courts in our day-to-day lives
- Uncover procedural delays on judicial confirmation processes.



Ensure a fair,
diverse judiciary.

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HOW ARE THE COURTS INVOLVED?



Immigration

While Congress and the president have the ability to affect immigration policy through legislation, federal courts play a **LARGE ROLE IN PROTECTING IMMIGRANT RIGHTS** and ensuring that the rule of law is properly applied.

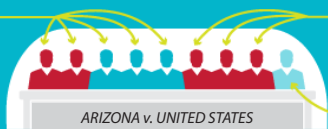
While some federal courts have struck down the most extreme of these measures, others have kept in place provisions that “open the door to racial profiling, wrongful detentions and arrests, putting everyone’s civil rights at risk.”



THE SUPREME COURT RULED THAT THE ARIZONA LAW WENT TOO FAR:

RULED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE AZ LAW WAS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

WOULD HAVE ALLOWED AZ TO IMPOSE HARSH RESTRICTIONS AND BROADEN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT’S POWER TO ARREST THOSE THEY BELIEVE ARE UNDOCUMENTED



Federal judges appointed by Republican presidents.

Federal judges appointed by Democratic presidents.

COURTS ALSO PLAY A LARGE ROLE IN OTHER ISSUES THAT AFFECT IMMIGRANTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, LIKE:



Striking down local “immigration ordinances” that effectively zone immigrant families out of town by making it harder for them to find work and housing.



Upholding immigrant due process rights guaranteed under the constitution, like ensuring that immigration proceedings and detention procedures are lawful and criminal defendants are afforded their right to counsel.

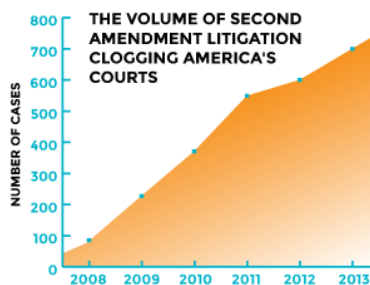


Gun Violence Prevention

Since 2008, when a conservative-leaning Supreme Court expanded gun rights with its ruling in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the gun lobby began to **FLOOD COURTS** with litigation, **CHALLENGING ALL KINDS** of reasonable gun regulations.

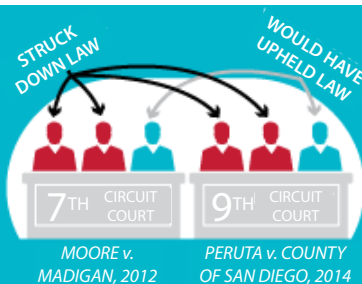


Since *Heller*, the lower courts have been tasked with determining the constitutionality of gun regulations. Litigation by anti-regulation advocates challenging state gun laws - banking on conservative-appointed judges - has **SKYROCKETED**.

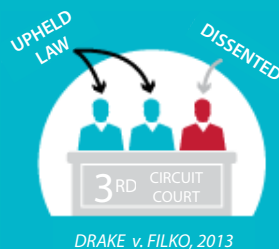


MEANWHILE...

Federal judges appointed by Republican presidents have **STRUCK DOWN** gun regulations.



Federal judges appointed by Democratic presidents have **UPHELD** gun regulations.



Voting Rights

Our conservative Supreme Court recently **GUTTED** the Voting Rights Act making it harder to hold states accountable for discriminatory voting practices.



HOW DID WE GET HERE: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Our federal courts play a large role in issues that directly affect all of our lives. They are often the last line in ensuring that state laws don’t go too far to profile and discriminate against certain populations and serve as an important component of several processes.



THE JUDGES WHO SIT ON OUR FEDERAL COURTS MATTER.

We must have fair, diverse judges on the bench who will follow the law and prevent racial profiling and unconstitutional anti-immigrant policies from being implemented.