

COMMUNITY ALERT

Help to protect, defend and gain civil rights for all!

Register today for the Rainbow PUSH Coalition 43rd Annual International Convention!

June 28—July 2
Chicago, IL

JUDGE STRIKES DOWN SUPPRESSIVE VOTER LAW



On Tuesday, Federal Judge Lynn Adelman struck down 2011 Wisconsin Act 23, which required voters to present a state-issued ID to vote. In his decision, Judge Adelman noted that the law unfairly burdens poor and minority voters. Our democracy is strongest when the right to vote is not shackled by partisan politics. We must fight against the disenfranchisement of any group of people! There are many barriers to getting an

ID. Only two DMV service centers in our state are open after 5PM, and only one is open on weekends, meaning that many people would have to take off work in order to get an ID. Accessibility to birth certificates is no easier. Wisconsin has a history of expanding voting rights, participation and civic engagement. Yet, under Republican control these past few years, we have seen the opposite. This ruling comes at a time when we need to be reminded what Wisconsin stands for.

BUILDING INTERNATIONAL BONDS

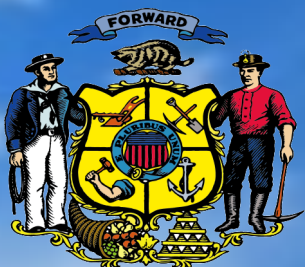
I am looking forward to hosting Mustafa Yikilmaz in my office this May during his participation in the U.S. State Department’s Professional Fellows Program, a two-way exchange embracing the power of individuals to find solutions to common challenges. Mustafa is currently an advisor to Hüseyin Bürge, a member of Turkish Parliament, in Ankara, Turkey. Throughout the month of May, he’ll work closely with my office to learn firsthand how issues in state and local government are addressed in Wisconsin. To conclude the fellowship, Mustafa will travel with the other 200 leaders from the 45 countries participating in the program to Washington D.C., where they will take part in the Professional Fellows Congress. I am honored to host Mr. Yikilmaz this month, and my office and I are pleased to embrace this opportunity to exchange ideas and promote a better understanding of the legislative process.



Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I’m Here to Serve!





Law Day 2014

The Milwaukee Bar Association will be providing one-on-one meetings for anyone who needs legal assistance.

Saturday, May 10,
2014, 1-4pm

Locations:

- Forest Home Library
- Central Library
- Center Street Library
- Brown Deer Library

For more info or to receive a free lawyer referral, call 414-274-6768 or visit www.findmilwaukeeattorneys.org

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FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH

April was Financial Literacy Month, so there couldn't be a better time to start investing in the future. Confronting your financial situation head-on is an essential first step on the path to realizing long-term economic goals. It's important to note that financial obligations only increase as we age. Compounding interest helps our savings to build up over time, so the sooner you start saving, the better! Simple things like keeping track of expenditures can help people at any income level to gain insight into their spending habits. Other helpful ways to manage money include paying for things in cash and making paying off debt a priority. I urge you to begin investing in your future today — you will thank yourself later!

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH BUDGET

WAND (Woman's Action for New Direction) hosted a webinar informing the public about the federal budget process. WAND's mission is to "shift the excessive spending to crucial investments supporting human needs and the environment." According to WAND, the first step is to learn about how federal spending is apportioned and how that allocation affects us. Currently, over half of the federal budget's discretionary spending goes to the Pentagon, which includes the Department of Defense, FBI and the like. The other portion of the budget is then allocated to things like education, national parks, infrastructure, etc. WAND intends to raise awareness so that in the coming years, these trends will change. This is an opportunity to move some of that money where it could make the most difference in our communities. It is crucially important that people inform themselves about this issue. It is the first step towards making changes!



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Wise Words of the Week!

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We Enjoy
Hearing
From You!**

"When times are tough, constant conflict may be good politics, but in the real world, cooperation works better. After all, nobody's right all the time, and a broken clock is right twice a day"

- Bill Clinton

"The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud"

- Coco Chanel

