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Wisconsin Voters Claim Victory in Fight for Fair Legislative Maps

Submit Constitutional and Fair Maps to the Court

Today, on behalf of the *Rebecca Clarke* plaintiffs, Law Forward, Stafford Rosenbaum, the Election Law Clinic at Harvard Law School, Campaign Legal Center, and Arnold & Porter filed proposed constitutional legislative maps, a brief, and two expert reports with the Wisconsin Supreme Court after the Court sided with the Wisconsin voters in its December 22 ruling which held the former legislative maps unconstitutional. This is the next step forward toward achieving fair maps and representative democracy in Wisconsin.

"Today's filing is the next step to ensuring that all Wisconsinites – no matter where they reside in the state or which party they belong to politically – can get a fair shot to elect leaders who will best serve their communities," said Mark Gaber, senior director of redistricting at Campaign Legal Center and a native Wisconsinite. "These maps are completely neutral and meet widely-accepted standards for properly-drawn districts. We look forward to working with the court to get Wisconsinites constitutional maps as quickly as possible."

The Clarke maps submitted today satisfy state and federal law redistricting requirements, follow other traditional redistricting criteria, are politically neutral, and preserve communities of interest across the State of Wisconsin.

"To stand as a named plaintiff in this historic lawsuit marks a profound moment, symbolizing the culmination of my 12 years of advocacy," said Rebecca Clarke. "After our December victory, I am excited for this pivotal step which will unite our communities and foster a democracy where the voices of all citizens are represented."

Next, each party may file a response on January 22nd. Then the two court-appointed consultants, Dr. Bernard Grofman and Dr. Jonathan Cervas, will file a written report on February 1st evaluating the parties' submissions based on the criteria identified in the court's December 22nd opinion. On February 8th the parties may submit response briefs addressing the report of Dr. Grofman and Dr. Cervas.

"Today's filing is an important step for our clients and communities across the state whose voices have been silenced for the last 12 years," said Dan Lenz, Staff Attorney for Law Forward. "For democracy to work for us all it must include us all, and we are very proud to have been a part of this important effort. We look forward to working through this process with the court to guarantee Wisconsinites once again have a representative democracy and constitutional legislative maps."

Links to the maps are here:

Assembly https://davesredistricting.org/join/6bf13a81-9687-4047-b03b-cd2695cad61c

Senate https://davesredistricting.org/join/8eed22d4-b1cd-4397-801c-d899d858758b

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