



## ATTORNEY TASKS

May to December 2012

Although legal needs vary state-by-state and county-by-county, LCC members can contribute to the AFL-CIO's voting rights efforts in the following ways:

<p><b><u>Research and Drafting</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Research state election, voting rights, and voter registration law as needed.</li><li>❑ Draft state Voter Bill of Rights flyers.</li><li>❑ Review poll worker/election judge training materials in target states for clarity and lawfulness.</li><li>❑ Draft amendments to county election rules.</li><li>❑ Request and review HAVA complaints.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Advise and Counsel</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Provide legal advice to voting rights coalitions and AFL-CIO voting rights coordinators.</li><li>❑ Review voter education materials for lawfulness.</li><li>❑ Participate as an advisor in meetings with (1) local coalitions; (2) county/municipal election officials; (3) state officials (e.g. Secretary of State, Attorney General); (4) the press and editorial boards; etc.</li></ul>	<p><b><u>Direct Advocacy</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Attend or teach legal trainings on election and voting rights law.</li><li>❑ Train command center attorneys.</li><li>❑ Mobilize to combat bad voter legislation, particularly voter identification bills.</li><li>❑ Meet with law enforcement, including the Department of Justice/U.S. Attorney, on response to private voter suppression and their monitoring plans in relation to voter intimidation.</li></ul> <p><b><u>Election Day</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Prepare for Election Day: draft boilerplate pleadings; recruit attorney volunteers; discuss with presiding judge the appointment of Election Day judge-of-the-day.</li><li>❑ Election Day Activities: staff legal hotline and command centers; monitor polls; advising at GOTV staging areas; litigation.</li><li>❑ Participate as a poll worker</li></ul> <p><b><u>Litigation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Keep the national office informed of litigation against county or state election officials.</li></ul>
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**Summary of what lawyers will do:**

Each voting rights state has an LCC election coordinator who is responsible for providing legal support to the coordinators and their coalitions, recruiting other LCC attorneys and carrying out election-related tasks. Tasks vary state by state, but in general, LCC attorneys:

- Research state election laws and create voters' bills of rights for their states;
- Research county election rules and guidelines;
- Present at or participate in legal training on election and voting rights law;
- Participate in meetings of the local voting rights coalitions;
- Meet with state and county election officials;
- Monitor pre-Election Day litigation or consider joining as local co-counsel in actions against county or state election officials;
- Set up or participate in Election Day legal command centers; and
- Where necessary, bring Election Day litigation.

The LCC election coordinator either will take on the above responsibilities or delegate them to attorneys who have been recruited. It also may be helpful to have contact with an election law expert like a professor at a local university or an attorney who has provided legal services to a candidate or campaign in the past, and who is willing to provide pro bono services wearing his or her nonpartisan hat.