Save the Date for Election Protection Trainings!
Mark your calendars to attend one of our upcoming trainings for Election Protection volunteers:

**Hotline training at DLA Piper (203 N. LaSalle Street)**
- Tuesday, October 25, 12 - 2 pm
- Wednesday, November 2, 5 - 7 pm

**Field (poll monitoring) training at Kirkland & Ellis (300 N. LaSalle Street)**
- Thursday, October 27, 12 - 2 pm
- Thursday, November 3, 12 - 2 pm
- Thursday, November 3, 5 - 7 pm

*CLE credit is pending approval. Sign-up page for training and volunteer shifts will be e-mailed next week and posted on votingrightssillinois.org.*
On Tuesday, October 4, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit stayed a lower court order blocking Election Day voter registration at polling places in Illinois for the November general election. The Seventh Circuit’s action means that thousands of voters across Illinois will be able to utilize Election Day registration at polling places, until the court takes further action. Read our joint statement with the ACLU of Illinois.

**Background:** On Tuesday, September 27 (National Voter Registration Day), Judge Der-Yeghiayan of the Northern District of Illinois granted a preliminary injunction ordering election authorities in Illinois not to implement Election Day Registration (EDR) in polling places for the November 8, 2016 general election. The decision came in the case of Harlan v. Schotz, in which plaintiffs claimed that election day registration (EDR) as authorized in Illinois is unconstitutional because while it is mandated in all 102 of the state’s counties, the law permits lower population counties to opt out of offering EDR at each polling place.

EDR has been part of Illinois law since 2015, was used by over 100,000 Illinois voters in the March 2016 primary election, and is supported by many election administrators, including Democrats and Republicans.

The Chicago Lawyers’ Committee filed an amicus brief in this case with ACLU of Illinois and other partners. Watch Ami Gandhi, Director of Voting Rights and Civic Empowerment, speaking about the case on WTTW's Chicago Tonight and urging reversal of the injunction.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday October 19 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM | FACEOFF**

Join us for FACEOFF, a final presidential debate watching party at the Weinberg/Newton Gallery co-sponsored by Common Cause Illinois, the Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, and the ACLU of Illinois. A panel discussion featuring Ethan Michaeli, author of the highly-acclaimed book *The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America*, will discuss the dimension of racial and ethnic relations in voting. The panel will be followed promptly by a live video broadcast of the debate. Contact us to RSVP.

Read about our partner Election RAVE and the growing movement for law schools to cancel classes on Election Day and join the effort to protect voting rights.
Thursday October 20 | 5:30 - 8:00 PM | POWER OF VOICE

Support the Voting Rights Project and other work of Chicago Lawyers' Committee at our annual benefit, honoring the GRAMMY - winning “First Lady of Children's Folk Music” Ella Jenkins and former chair of the Chicago Police Accountability Task Force Lori Lightfoot. Enjoy delicious appetizers, drinks, and live performances from Musicality, the vocal ensemble from Curie Metropolitan High School on Chicago’s Southwest Side that performed for millions of viewers this summer on “America’s Got Talent.” RSVP here.