

WE FIGHT FOR EVERY AMERICAN
to meaningfully participate in the political process.

WHAT WE DO



DEVELOP

solutions that enhance
our democracy.



DEMAND

enforcement of the laws
protecting our democracy.



DEFEND

and advance
democracy in court.



DISSEMINATE

education materials highlighting
ongoing threats to our democracy.

CLC is adamantly nonpartisan, holding candidates and government officials accountable regardless of political affiliation.

Mission

Through litigation, policy analysis and public education, CLC works as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization to protect and strengthen the U.S. democratic process across all levels of government.

Vision

CLC seeks a future in which the American political process is accessible to all citizens, resulting in a representative, responsive and accountable government.

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CLC FIGHTS TO PROTECT THE
1ST AMENDMENT
RIGHTS OF CITIZENS, BECAUSE ALL
AMERICANS DESERVE TO HAVE A
VOICE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS,
NOT JUST THE WEALTHY FEW.



We fight so that everyone knows who funds our elections and how the money is spent.

We currently have **8 cases** in federal court defending transparency in elections.

We fight so that everyone can participate meaningfully in political campaigns.

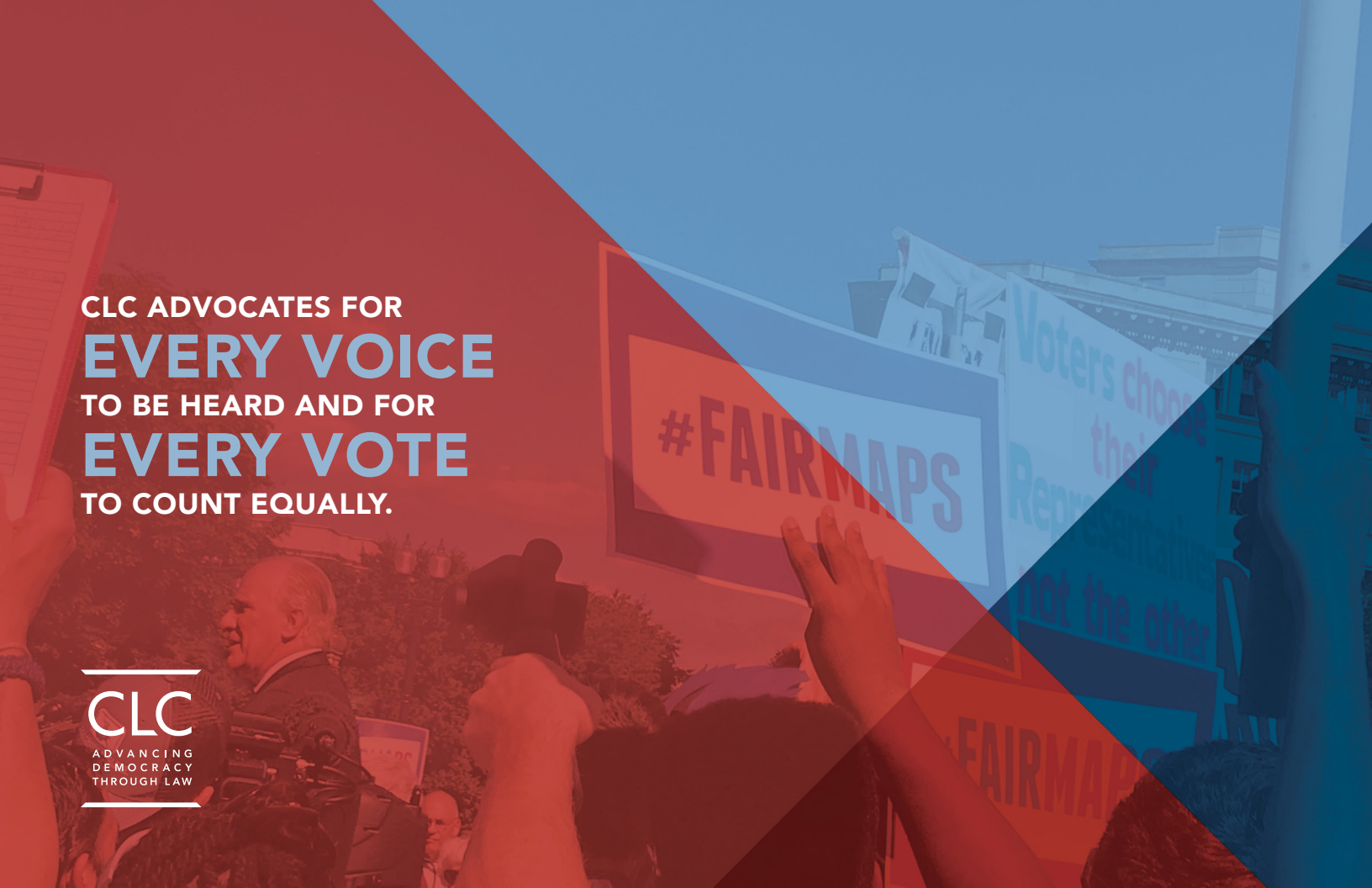
In the past year, we advised advocates from **26 states, cities and towns** who wanted to pass pro-democracy reform measures.

We fight for everyone to be held accountable for breaking the rules protecting our democracy.

In the past year, we raised awareness of campaign finance abuses, filing **22 complaints** with the Federal Election Commission against both Republican and Democratic candidates, super PACs and dark money groups for violating campaign finance laws.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
campaignlegal.org/issues/campaign-finance

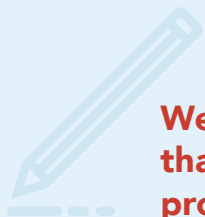




CLC ADVOCATES FOR
EVERY VOICE
TO BE HEARD AND FOR
EVERY VOTE
TO COUNT EQUALLY.

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REDISTRICTING



We advocate for solutions that will ensure a fair process for drawing maps.

In the past year, we advised advocates from **11 states** on how best to design independent redistricting commissions.



We advocate for fair representation for minority voters.

In the past year, we called upon **8 local government bodies** to institute processes that allow minority voters to have a choice in who represents them.

We advocate in court for voters, not politicians, to be able to choose their representatives.

We represent **40 voters** from 34 Wisconsin legislative districts whose voices have been silenced because of extremely gerrymandered voting maps. (*Gill v. Whitford*)

We represent the **League of Women Voters of North Carolina** and **12 individual voters** in a case challenging North Carolina's congressional voting map as an extreme partisan gerrymander. (*League of Women Voters v. Rucho*)



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CLC FIGHTS

FOR ALL CITIZENS
TO BE ABLE TO VOTE
WITHOUT BARRIERS.

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We fight for those who have re-entered society after prison to have access to the ballot.

CLC represents **Alabama voters and Greater Birmingham Ministries** in a legal challenge to the state's felony disenfranchisement system. (*Thompson v. Merrill*)

CLC leads a grassroots campaign, Restore Your Vote, to help up to **17 million people** with past felony convictions understand their right to vote.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:
campaignlegal.org/issues/voting-rights

We fight to make it easier for Americans to vote.

As many as **600,000 Texas voters** were able to vote in the 2016 election because of CLC's lawsuit challenging Texas' strict voter ID law. Our lawsuit forced the Texas legislature to rewrite the law, reducing its harmful impact on people of color, students and elderly voters.

CLC's lawsuit challenging Arizona's complicated voter registration system resulted in a settlement allowing **tens of thousands of voters** to register to vote in federal elections in Arizona.





CLC ADVOCATES

FOR IMPROVING THE INTEGRITY
OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

ETHICS

We advocate for public servants to make decisions based on the public's best interest, not their own.

CLC regularly files complaints with the U.S. Inspector General regarding conflicts of interest and abuse of power, shaping public opinion and putting public pressure on these violators.

We advocate for the fair enforcement of ethics rules.

CLC's complaints with the Office of Special Counsel alleging Hatch Act violations resulted in a finding of misconduct and a referral to the White House for disciplinary action.

We advocate for a transparent decision-making process, and one in which the public has a voice.

CLC developed 13 proposals to strengthen executive branch ethics and filed over 20 ethics-related Freedom of Information Act requests seeking transparency in government.

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CLC STORIES



VOTE

CLC helps Alabamian Willie Mack cast a ballot.



Alabama citizen Willie Mack thought he couldn't vote because of a past

felony conviction. After working with Campaign Legal Center attorneys and organizers, he was happy to learn he was wrong. We are helping individuals like Willie Mack through our organizing and training campaign, Restore Your Vote. Up to 17 million people with past felony convictions can vote right now but don't realize it. CLC developed a website, **RestoreYourVote.org**, to help educate returning citizens — in all 50 states — about their right to vote.

CLC represents 40 voters fighting for fair maps in Wisconsin.

Our plaintiffs (six pictured here outside the U.S. Supreme Court) in the landmark partisan gerrymandering case, *Gill v. Whitford*, are continuing their fight for fair maps in the courts. These voters have always engaged in politics, but since the state legislature redrew the Assembly map in secret in 2011, their voices have been silenced.



Read their full stories:
campaignlegal.org/impact

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We are grateful to our Litigation Strategy Council, a team of renowned, experienced Supreme Court litigators.

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Potter is a Republican former chairman of the Federal Election Commission and general counsel to John McCain's 2008 and 2000 presidential campaigns.

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Corrado has published a number of books, and dozens of book chapters and articles, on the financing of national elections, political party behavior, regulation of campaign finance, and election law.

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Fried was the solicitor general of the United States during the Reagan administration and is a former associate justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts.

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Hellman has written articles on campaign finance law, bribery and corruption. Her article "A Theory of Bribery" won the 2019 Fred Berger Memorial Prize from the American Philosophical Association.

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Senior Counsel, WilmerHale

Witten served as legal counsel in many landmark campaign finance cases, including leading the legal team representing the congressional sponsors defending the McCain-Feingold law in *McConnell v. FEC*.

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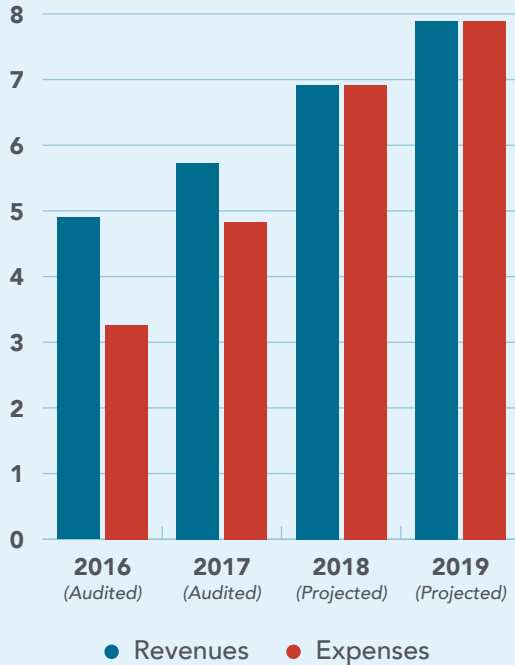
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organization supported by
foundations and individuals.**

FINANCIALS

CLC Revenues and Expenses 2016–2019 (USD in millions)



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for the growth of support over the past few years, which comes largely in the form of unrestricted funds. This has enabled CLC to respond quickly to threats to our democracy and to seize unexpected opportunities that arise. However, demands for our work continue to grow, and currently exceed our resources.

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