

## FOR REPORTERS

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### Safeguarding Democracy in Battleground Wisconsin: ABA Holds Critical Election Program on July 9

**WHAT:** The ABA Task Force for American Democracy will at the State Bar Center in Madison to hold a half-day, nonpartisan program on Wisconsin election issues and how they affect democracy and civic engagement. *A select number of print reporters are invited to attend the program in-person or via livestream.*

**WHY:** The ABA Task Force selected Wisconsin because it is a battleground state where information and disinformation will be deployed. The goal of the program is to help people understand the election process and find good information.

**TOPICS/  
SPEAKERS:**

- "The Threat to Democracy" by Jeh Charles Johnson, task force chair and former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security.
- "Federal Election Litigation" by U.W. Law School Dean Daniel Tokaji.
- "Media and Civil Discourse" by George Stanley, CEO of Wisconsin Watch and U.W. Journalism Prof. Michael Wagner.

**PANEL  
DISCUSSIONS:**

- The voting protections in the Wisconsin Constitution and election laws in Wisconsin.
- Nuts and bolts on federal election litigation.
- Social media engagement and civil discourse and how they affect who votes.
- Election mechanics and how it works (explained by local clerks and election administrators).

**SCHEDULE:**

- Review the [full schedule here](#).

**WHEN:**

- Tuesday, July 9, 12:30 to 5 p.m.

**REGISTER:**

- To attend in-person, contact Mike Wiltse, PR manager, [mwiltse@wisbar.org](mailto:mwiltse@wisbar.org). [click here](#).

## LIVESTREAM:

- The livestream will be available at the following link, on the day of the event:

[https://www.americanbar.org/groups/leadership/office\\_of\\_the\\_president/american-democracy/listening-tours/wisconsin/](https://www.americanbar.org/groups/leadership/office_of_the_president/american-democracy/listening-tours/wisconsin/)

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