

NCJW GOVERNMENT RELATIONS and ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT

The NCJW Government Relations and Advocacy Department coordinates all of NCJW's public policy work, representing the organization to Congress and the Administration. In addition, the office is a resource on advocacy and public policy work for NCJW members and sections. The Government Relations and Advocacy Department:

- Monitors legislation, public policy, and the federal judiciary and advocates on behalf of NCJW's concerns;
- Represents NCJW on national coalitions;
- Works with Washington representatives of major Jewish and other national organizations;
- Coordinates Advocacy Network and the national legislative activities of the State Policy Advocacy (SPA) network;
- Provides resources and assistance to SPAs, sections, and action teams on federal, state, and local legislation;
- Creates talking points, action alerts, and policy and training resources;
- Publishes Capitol Hill Updates; *and*
- Coordinates NCJW advocacy and organizing programs that educate and mobilize NCJW's grassroots.

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NCJW Government Relations and Advocacy Staff Responsibilities

JODY RABHAN (Pronouns: she/her/hers)

CHIEF POLICY OFFICER

- Supervise and manage department, including office budget and other administrative oversight
- Strategize and implement NCJW's policy agenda
- Manage strategic partnerships where appropriate to further NCJW's strategic goals and mission
- Oversee NCJW's legislative efforts nationwide
- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and at legislative strategy coalitions
- Work with department to develop materials and alerts for action
- Coordinate organizational issue-based campaigns
- Train and speak to sections, SPAs, and other groups across the country
- Fundraise and manage program related grant proposals and reports
- Collaborate with Communications Department on media strategy
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Budget, taxes, and human needs programs
 - Domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment, and gender-based violence including human trafficking
 - Gun violence prevention
- Staff coordinator of:
 - Jewish Coalition Against Trafficking
 - National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
 - NCJW Topical Statements
 - NCJW Washington Institute
 - NCJW Resolutions Committee

SHANNON RUSSELL (Pronouns: she/her/hers)
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and at legislative strategy coalitions
- Work across departments to develop materials and alerts for state and national action
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Health Care/ACA
 - Reproductive Health, Rights, & Justice
 - Abortion Access/Affordability
 - Family Planning
 - Sexuality Education
 - Religious Freedom
- Staff coordinator of:
 - Religious Advocates Working Group
 - Coalition for Liberty and Justice
 - Internship/Fellowship Program

ARI SOLOMON (Pronouns: they/them/theirs)
JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS CAMPAIGN MANAGER

- Represent NCJW at judicial nominations coalition meetings
- Work across departments to develop materials and alerts for state and national action
- Develop educational and advocacy materials on the federal judiciary
- Engage NCJW leaders and sections in educational and advocacy projects regarding federal courts and judicial nominations
- Train and speak to sections, SPAs, and other groups across the country
- Advocate on judicial nominations and the federal judiciary
- Staff coordinator of:
 - State Policy Advocacy (SPA) Network
 - 7 State-based Courts Matter Coalitions
 - BenchMark: NCJW's Judicial Nominations Campaign
 - Interfaith Courts Coalition

FAITH WILLIAMS (Pronouns: she/her/hers)
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
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- Represent NCJW to Congress, the administration, and at legislative strategy coalitions
- Work across departments to develop materials and alerts for state and national action
- Supervise Legislative Counsel and support department director
- Advocate on the following issues:
 - Civil Rights
 - Economic Justice
 - Education
 - Immigration & Refugees
 - Voting Rights
- Staff coordinator of:
 - Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA)
 - Promote the Vote, Protect the Vote