



NAME OF EVENT: Drexel Kline ACS Presents: Voting Rights in 2026 – A Panel & Reception

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: October 8, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET | Kline Institute of Trial Advocacy, 1200 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

What does the landscape of voting rights look like in 2026? Panelists will discuss the landscape of voting rights and election security in Pennsylvania and nationally ahead of the 2026 mid-term elections. This will include discussions of the impact of the recent Supreme Court term, current challenges faced by election administrators, and what the future of election law reform could look like. After the panel discussion, we will be joined by two nonpartisan nonprofit partners who will explain several opportunities to get involved in election protection efforts before and on election day.

Featuring:

- **Neil Makhija**, Montgomery County Commissioner and Chair of the Board of Elections
- **Hon. Jordan Yeager**, Bucks County Judge, Court of Common Pleas
- **Kathy Boockvar**, President, Athena Strategies; Former Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- **Katie Waldo**, Managing Director, We the Action
- **Nicholas Gothard**, Senior National Coordinator, Election Protection, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Moderated by:

- **Nate Ela**, Professor, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Agenda of Program: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET (1.0 hour of CLE)

- Panel Discussion (45 minutes)
- Audience questions (5 minutes)
- Nonprofit Partner Presentation (10 minutes)
- Reception (60 minutes)

Materials for Program:

- [Working Families Party v. Commonwealth](#), 221 A.3d 622 (Pa. 2019).
- Richer, Stephen, [Supreme Court Reauthorizes SAVE Program, but It's Not as Big a Deal as Some Would Have You Believe](#), Cato Institute (September 28, 2026).
- Erickson, Ashley (Host). (2026, September 15). [Protecting the Vote \(No. 209\)](#) [Audio podcast episode]. In *Broken Law Podcast*. American Constitution Society.



- Brest, Phil, [Courts Matter: What We Can Learn from Callais and the Virginia Redistricting Case](#), American Constitution Society, In Brief Blog (May 21, 2026).
- Morse, Michael and Meredith, Marc and Stark, Liz, [Reducing Lost Votes by Mail: Evidence on Vote Curing from Pennsylvania](#), Journal of Empirical Legal Studies (forthcoming 2027), U of Penn Law School, Public Law Research Paper No. 26-13 (April 06, 2026).
- [Watson v. Republican National Committee](#), 609 U.S. ____ (2026).