



Who We Are

The non-partisan Georgia Democracy Task Force is an extension of the American Bar Association’s Task Force for American Democracy.

Our Mission

To inspire and support legal professionals in fulfilling their oath bound obligations to safeguard democracy and uphold the rule of law.

Task Force Goal

Increase Georgia voter confidence in election administration

**40%** *Forty percent of Georgia voters are not confident that the 2024 presidential election will be conducted fairly and accurately.*<sup>1</sup>

Solution

- As apolitical, non-partisan, trustworthy legal experts, lawyers can speak about the integrity and reliability of Georgia’s election administration.
- Partner with democracy defense organizations to increase reach and share resources.
- Offer learning opportunities facilitated by lawyers on how to spot and combat mis and dis-information, as well as deepfakes.

Task Force Goal

Defend the Rule of Law

**>1/3** *More than one third of Americans believe that widespread fraud plagued the 2020 election despite over 60 court rulings to the contrary.*<sup>2</sup>

Solution

- Lawyers should remind other lawyers of their professional responsibility to defend the rule of law and the Constitution.
- Engage lawyers to monitor local election board proceedings; make public comment; offer rule insights or suggestions as needed.
- Provide legal expertise to election workers under threat.

Task Force Goal

Diffuse polarization, disagree better

**61%** *of U.S. adults say, “having political conversations with people they disagree with is generally “stressful and frustrating...”*<sup>3</sup>

Solution

- By virtue of training, respectful disagreement is a professional standard for lawyers. These skills can be taught to others and practiced in all aspects of life.
- Utilizing resources from partner organizations like Braver Angels and the National Governors Association’s Disagree Better Initiative, lawyers can teach others in their communities to disagree without being disagreeable.

Task Force Goal

Civics Education



1 in 6

*One in six U.S. adults cannot name any of the branches of government.*<sup>4</sup>

Solution

- Lawyers can teach civics lessons to their own communities.
- Create and promote civics based CLEs for lawyers.
- Work with local school systems to promote the importance of requiring basic civics education from Kindergarten through twelfth grade.
- Work with law schools to promote civics and ethics as tenets of professional responsibility.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Jan. 3-11, 2024 AJC poll of 1,007 registered Georgia voters with a margin of error of +/- 3.1% Niese, Mark. (2024, January 18). Most voters trust Georgia’s 2024 election will be fair, AJC poll finds. [ajc.com](http://ajc.com). Retrieved 6/13/24.

<sup>2</sup> Fortinsky, S. (2024, January 2). One-third of adults in new poll say Biden’s election was illegitimate. [TheHill.com](http://TheHill.com). Retrieved 6/4/24.

<sup>3</sup> Pew Research Center (September 19, 2023). [AMERICANS’ DISMAL VIEWS OF THE NATION’S POLITICS](http://AMERICANS’_DISMAL_VIEWS_OF_THE_NATION’S_POLITICS.pewresearch.org). [pewresearch.org](http://pewresearch.org). Retrieved June 14, 2024.

<sup>4</sup> [Annenberg Civics Knowledge Survey. Many Don’t Know Key Facts About U.S. Constitution, Annenberg Civics Study Finds. The Annenberg Public Policy Center. Sept. 14, 2023](http://AnnenbergCivicsKnowledgeSurvey.ManyDon’tKnowKeyFactsAboutU.S.Constitution,AnnenbergCivicsStudyFinds.TheAnnenbergPublicPolicyCenter.Sept.14,2023)