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Legal experts discuss Michigan’s non-delegation doctrine, emergency order authority

LANSING – Legal experts across Michigan today discussed Michigan’s non-delegation doctrine during a virtual panel event sponsored by the **League of Women Voters of Michigan**.

The non-delegation doctrine covers the limiting of one branch of government’s authority over another. Experts discussed the doctrine in the context of emergency orders put in place during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“This discussion on the non-delegation doctrine is important for the legal community because we remain in unprecedented times due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and legislation surrounding the doctrine could have a profound impact on how our state is affected,” said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “The League is proud to sponsor educational events like today’s panel in order to inform those who can affect change in our state.”

Michael Sant’Ambrogio, professor of law and associate dean for research at the Michigan State University College of Law, moderated the panel. Expert panelists included former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly; John D. Pirich, retired partner at Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn and current adjunct professor at the MSU College of Law; and Julian Davis Mortenson, professor of law and constitutional scholar at the University of Michigan.

Panelists discussed the origin and history of federal and state non-delegation doctrines, orders issued by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued during the COVID-19 pandemic and why the non-delegation doctrine matters.

“For more than 100 years, the League of Women Voters of Michigan has been a nonpartisan organization working on vital issues of concern to voters, and that includes today’s discussion,” said **Paula Bowman**, co-president of the League. “Everyone should have the information they need to participate in our democracy.”

A recording of the virtual panel is available on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/a-fiWPto8utjiqwPRIfs8FZXZ-HdE2LYtq1mLQKP0LDMKqK5uPGOJwcC2ld5iw0a.P-rrqMI5toQbsdj2>
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