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## New Information

### Case Updates

Oral arguments for the LAF-supported case [Mansourian et al. v Regents of the University of California, et al.](#) were heard by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in October. Kristen Galles, the plaintiffs' lawyer, said the following about the oral arguments:

It went great! Based on the questions and comments by the judges, I feel very optimistic that we will get a strong decision out of it. It was helpful for us to have so many civil rights groups submit amicus briefs on our behalf. It raised the profile for the court. Thanks again to AAUW for signing on to the amicus brief written by the National Women's Law Center. We hope to have a written decision within six months.

If there is a positive outcome, the case will be remanded for trial in the district court. This case illustrates how signing amicus briefs allows AAUW to influence the outcomes of strategic cases.

### Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Project Release

Now is the perfect time to begin using LAF's new [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#). The program makes a great branch activity or a group project for AAUW members and their friends. The Program in a Box contains documents to teach members about Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and there are step-by-step guidelines on how to investigate local high school athletic programs. There is also contact information for legal experts in the field who are willing to answer questions and discuss steps members can take if they find schools are noncompliant.

**Please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) if you or your branch is working on this project or is considering it.**

If you missed the October 29 webinar on the [Program in a Box](#), you can download it from the [AAUW website](#) and view it at any time or share it at a branch meeting. On the site you also can access additional resources and a video clip of AAUW [2009 Women of Distinction Award winner Anucha Browne Sanders](#) discussing the importance of Title IX. These tools are helpful to any individual who wants to learn more about Title IX and high school athletics and to any branch considering participating in the [Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box](#). Contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org) with questions.

## Reminders

### Case Support

LAF is actively reviewing new case support applications. If you would like to make a case recommendation, please contact [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Recommendation forms are accepted on a rolling basis.

### Campus Outreach

If you would like to receive funding for an LAF Campus Outreach Program in your community, please fill out the form on the [campus outreach page](#) and send it to [laf@aauw.org](mailto:laf@aauw.org). Review the new [LAF Campus Outreach Program in a Box](#), which explains more about the program and provides ideas for campus events.

### Online

For the latest LAF news, visit the [AAUW website](#) and [AAUW Dialog](#).

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