



THE SUPREME COURT MATTERS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES EVERYDAY

Why is the Supreme Court Important for People with Disabilities?

The Supreme Court makes the decisions about laws. The decisions that the Supreme Court makes can change the lives of people with disabilities. One major example, is the *Olmstead* decision, the Supreme Court decided that the ADA means that people with disabilities have the right to live in the community.

The Supreme Court makes decisions about many disability laws and programs, like:

- **The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** The ADA says it is illegal to discriminate against people with disabilities.
- **Medicaid.** Medicaid provides health care and the services people with disabilities need to live in our communities.
- **The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)** IDEA says students with disabilities have a right to education and to be included with their classmates.
- **The Affordable Care Act (ACA)** The ACA made it easier for people to get health care and made it against the law to discriminate against people with disabilities in health care.

It is important to remember: when the President picks someone to be on the Supreme Court, he is picking someone to be on the court FOR LIFE. If the U.S. Senate approves the President's pick, there is no do-over. Since the decisions the Supreme Court makes are so important, advocates want to know how the judges will decide things. The best way to find out how a judge will decide about laws in

the future is to look at the decisions they have made in the past. Judge Kavanaugh is the current nominee and he has made some very concerning decisions. Find out more ([LINK](#))

What Can I Do?

Your Senators decide if Judge Kavanaugh is the right person for the Supreme Court. Visit, write or call to tell them what you think is important in a Justice. Tell them if you are worried about Judge Kavanaugh's record. You can learn more about Judge Kavanaugh's record and read statements from disability groups at the Kavanaugh resource pages from the [Bazelon Center](#) and [Center for Public Representation](#). For more tips and tools, please use [ASAN's toolkit](#) about how to call, write or visit your member of Congress.

