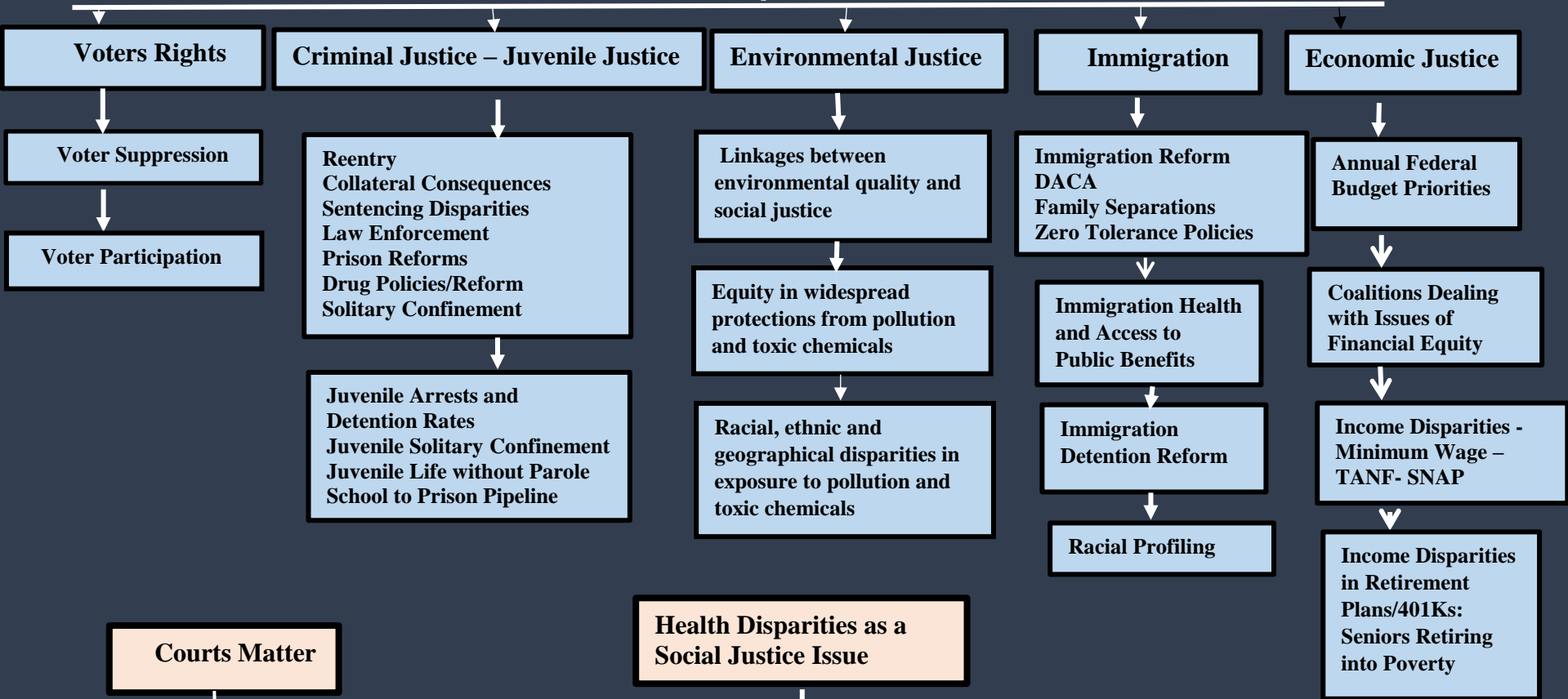
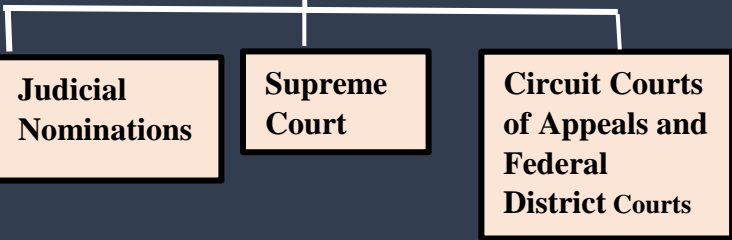


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## Flexibility and Changing Priorities

### Context of Social Justice Priorities

In 2016, NASW national leadership – in response to emerging national social justice crises- recognized that NASW (organization wide) had to become more active and focused on responding to social justice issues. With NASW Board approval, leadership decided to identify five social justice priorities that would serve as a guideline for NASW chapters and the national office. The rationale for limiting the priorities to five was that it is important to focus on a finite and manageable number. Several key points about setting the priorities are:

- The prioritized social justice issues must be of national concern and impact a large number of individuals or families, e.g., income and economic disparities;
- NASW CEO and national Board- with recommendations from staff- will be responsible for reviewing social justice priorities on an annual basis to evaluate a need to change or retain a given priority, e.g. for 2018-2019, environmental justice was added as a priority - while juvenile justice was included with the criminal justice;
- NASW chapters are asked to use the social justice priorities as guidelines for responding to national issues that will – for the most part- also impact individuals or families at the state-level.

It can be expected that NASW national will issue a national statement when an incident or series of incidents occurs within a given priority area. Chapters are encouraged to also issue a statement in such cases. NASW national will also develop and disseminate at least one detailed brief per year on each social justice priority area.

Chapters are encouraged to join NASW national in participating in advocacy activities and calls to action that are specific to one or more social justice priority area. Generally, advocacy and responding to calls of action will be a part of NASW's collaboration with national coalitions.