# State Supreme Courts Increasingly Face Partisan Impeachment Threats

- Attacks on judicial independence are becoming more frequent and more partisan, according to a *Governing* **report**.

Reporter **Alan Greenblatt** explains, that "while 'threats of this nature have been going on for years,' says William Raftery of the National Center for State Courts, articles of impeachment are now being filed more often and for more reasons. Over the past decade or so, judges have become targets of criticism not only from politicians but cable talk-show hosts. In the past, grounds for impeachment have typically been treason, high crimes or malfeasance. That's changing. These days, lawmakers' partisan disapproval of rulings appears to be a strong motivator for ousting judges."

**Read the *Governing* report**.