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Nineteen U.S. Supreme Court Amicus Briefs Filed in Support of Shelby County in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*

The U.S. Supreme Court received nineteen amici or “friend of the court” briefs in support of Shelby County, Alabama, which has challenged several key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. The briefs were filed by seven states whose counties must submit voting changes for preclearance under the Voting Rights Act (Alabama, Alaska, Texas, Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, and South Dakota), the National Black Chamber of Commerce, nine former government officials, two think tanks (the Cato Institute and Reason Foundation), and a number of advocacy organizations (e.g., the Mountain States Legal Foundation, Project 21, Southeastern Legal Foundation, Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence, Judicial Education Project, Landmark Legal Foundation, Justice and Freedom Fund, and the American Unity Legal Defense Fund).

In addition, Merced County, California submitted an amicus brief in support of neither party.

Full List of Amici Briefs Filed in Support of Shelby County

1. State of Alabama
2. State of Alaska
3. State of Texas
4. States of Arizona, Georgia, South Carolina, and South Dakota
5. National Black Chamber of Commerce
6. Former government officials
7. Cato Institute
8. Reason Foundation
9. Mountain States Legal Foundation
10. Project 21
11. Southeastern Legal Foundation
12. Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence
13. Judicial Education Project
14. Landmark Legal Foundation
15. Justice and Freedom Fund
16. American Unity Legal Defense Fund
18. John Nix, Anthony Cuomo, and Dr. Abigail Thernstrom
19. Pacific Legal Foundation, Center for Equal Opportunity, and American Civil Rights Foundation

**Amicus Brief Filed in Support of Neither Party**

1. Merced County, California

Read amici briefs filed in support of the Voting Rights Act