



## **NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF)**

### **Broad Range of Amici Briefs filed in the United States Supreme Court in Support of the Voting Rights Act in *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder***

The United States Supreme Court received a broad and diverse range of amici or “friend of the court” briefs in support of key provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Together, more than two dozen amici briefs urge the Supreme Court to uphold the constitutionality of the heart of the Voting Rights Act, Section 5, which requires places with the worst histories of discrimination to receive federal approval before their voting changes can be enacted.

This broad and diverse range of briefs have been filed by: jurisdictions covered by the Voting Rights Act, bipartisan federal and state elected officials, voting experts, former Department of Justice officials, local and national civil rights, grassroots, civic, religious, and labor organizations, law professors, and others.

#### **Full List of Amici Briefs Filed in Support of Respondent-Intervenors**

1. Covered Jurisdictions – States of New York, California, Mississippi, and North Carolina
2. Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary – Reps. F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., John Conyers, Jr., Steve Chabot, Jerrold Nadler, Melvin L. Watt, and Robert C. Scott
3. Ellen D. Katz and the Voting Rights Initiative at the University of Michigan Law School
4. Former Government Officials – Dick Thornburgh, Drew S. Days, III, John R. Dunne, Bill Lann Lee, J. Stanley Pottinger, Paul F. Hancock, James P. Turner, William R. Yeomans, and Gilda R. Daniels
5. Jurisdictions That Have Bailed Out – City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina; Washington County, Virginia; and Larnie M. Flannagan, General Registrar of Voters, Essex County, Virginia
6. Navajo Nation, Leonard Gorman, Anthony Wounded Head, Sr., and Oliver J. Semans, Sr.
7. Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Voters and Tribes
8. National Latino Organizations – Aspira, Dominican American National Roundtable/National Dominican American Council, Hispanic Federation, Hispanic National Bar Association, Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, MANA, Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund, National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives, National Association of Hispanic Publications, National Association of Latino Elected and

Appointed Officials Education Fund, National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, National Council of La Raza, National Hispanic Media Coalition, National Hispanic Medical Association, National Institute for Latino Policy, National Latino Institute for Reproductive Health, National Organization for Mexican American Rights, Inc., National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc., Service, Employment, and Redevelopment, United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and United States Hispanic Leadership Institute

9. Section 5 Litigation Intervenors – Texas State Conference of the NAACP, Mexican American Legislative Caucus, Rev. Peter Johnson, League of United Latin American Citizens, South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, Family Unit, Inc., Dr. Brenda Williams, Kenyda Bailey, Florida State Conference of the NAACP, Sharon Carter, Howard Harris, and Dianne Hart
10. Historians and Social Scientists – Chandler Davidson, Alexander Keyssar, Ira Katznelson, James Wayne Flynt, George Korbel, Nicolaus Mills, Minion K.C. Morrison, Richard M. Valelly, Michael McDonald, Lorraine Minnite, Orville Vernon Burton, James Loewen, David Richards, James E. Alt, Michael Jones-Correa, Rebecca J. Scott, David A. Bositis, Charles M. Payne, Lisa Handley, Paula McClain, Lorn S. Foster, Thomas Pettigrew, Michael Perman, Michael Benedict, Steven F. Lawson, Frances Fox Piven, Gracia Hillman, Peter H. Argersinger, Tova Andrea Wang, and Spencer A. Overton
11. Voting Rights Litigators – Joaquin Avila, Neil Bradley, Julius Chambers, U.W. Clemon, Armand Derfner, Jose Garza, Fred Gray, Robert McDuff, Rolando Rios, Robert Rubin, Edward Still, Ellis Turnage, and Ronald Wilson
12. Marcia L. Fudge, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Rubén Hinjosa, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, and Judy Chu, Member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, et al.
13. The Honorable Congressman John Lewis
14. Social Scientists – Richard L. Engstrom, Theodore S. Arrington, and David T. Canon
15. Election Law Professors – Gabriel Chin, Atiba Ellis, Christopher S. Elmendorf, Janai S. Nelson, Bertrall Ross, Daniel Tokaji, and Franita Tolson
16. Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law
17. Constitutional Accountability Center and Constitutional Law Scholars – Jack M. Balkin, Guy-Uriel Charles, Luis Fuentes-Rohwer, and Adam Winkler
18. The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and the Leadership Conference Education Fund, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, AARP, Anti-Defamation League, Advancement Project, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, American Jewish Committee, The Center for American Progress, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Racial Justice, Church Women United, Common Cause, Dēmos, The Fair Elections Legal Network, The Hip Hop Caucus, The Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights-San Francisco Bay Area, The League of Women Voters, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, The National Association of Social Workers, National Black Law Students Association, National Council of Jewish Women, National Education Association, National Urban League, Project Vote, Public Advocates, Inc., Service Employees International Union, Southern Poverty Law Center, and Union for Reform Judaism
19. Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement – Hollis Watkins, Jesse Harris, Bob Moses,

- Owen Herman Brooks, Ellen Lake, Willie Edward Blue and Dr. Leslie Burl McLemore
20. City of New York, Council of the City of New York, Michael R. Bloomberg, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of New York, and Christine C. Quinn, in her official capacity as Speaker of the Council of the City of New York
  21. Political Science and Law Professors – Kareem Crayton, Matthew Barreto, Luis Fraga, Jane Trum, Terry Smith, and Janelle Wong
  22. Senator Majority Leader Harry M. Reid
  23. Alabama Legislative Black Caucus and Alabama Association of Black County Officials
  24. South Carolina Elected Officials and Photo ID Intervenors – Sen. C. Bradley Hutto, Sen. Gerald Malloy, Sen. John L. Scott, Jr., Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, and The League of Women Voters of South Carolina
  25. National Bar Association
  26. American Bar Association
  27. National Lawyers Guild
  28. National Asian American Organizations - Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Asian American Justice Center, Alliance of South Asian Labor, Asian Citizens for Justice/Asian Center for Justice, Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, Asian American Insitute, Asian Law Alliance, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific American Legal Center, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, Asian PACific American Network of Oregon, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forun, Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote - Michigan, Asian Services in Action, INC., Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc., Chinese for Affirmative Action, Chinese Progressive Association, Hmong American Partnership, Japanese American Citizens League, Korean Americans for Political Advancement, Minkwon Center for Community Action, National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, OCA, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, South Asian Americans Leading Together, South Asian Bar Association of Northern California, and Southeast Asia Resource Action Center
  29. Professor Patricia A. Broussard, Sabrina Collins, Stacy Hane, Akunna Olumba, and Named Students and Organizations of Florida A&M University College of Law

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

1. Merced County, California

Read [amici briefs](#) filed in support of Shelby County.