



**SUPREME COURT**  
**OF THE UNITED STATES**

No. 12-96

Title: Shelby County, Alabama, Petitioner

v.

Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, et al.

Docketed: July 24, 2012

Lower Ct: United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit

Case Nos.: (11-5256)

Decision Date: May 18, 2012

**Questions  
Presented**

~~~~Date~~~~ Proceedings and Orders~~~~~

- Jul 20 2012 Petition for a writ of certiorari filed. (Response due August 23, 2012)
- Aug 7 2012 Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel for the respondent.
- Aug 8 2012 Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel for the petitioner.
- Aug 15 2012 Order extending time to file response to petition to and including September 24, 2012.
- Aug 20 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Cato Institute filed. VIDED.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Mountain States Legal Foundation filed.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amici curiae of Former Department of Justice Officials filed.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amici curiae of Arizona, et al. filed.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Alaska filed.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amicus curiae of National Black Chamber of Commerce filed.
- Aug 23 2012 Brief amici curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation, et al. filed.
- Sep 24 2012 Brief of respondents Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General in opposition filed.
- Sep 24 2012 Brief of Respondents-Intervenors in opposition filed.
- Oct 9 2012 Reply of petitioner Shelby County, Alabama filed. (Distributed)
- Oct 10 2012 DISTRIBUTED for Conference of October 26, 2012.
- Oct 26 2012 Record Requested .
- Oct 29 2012 DISTRIBUTED for Conference of November 2, 2012.
- Oct 29 2012 Record received from the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (one box).
- Oct 29 2012 Record received from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (two boxes).
- Nov 5 2012 DISTRIBUTED for Conference of November 9, 2012.
- Nov 9 2012 Petition GRANTED limited to the following Question: Whether Congress decision in 2006 to reauthorize Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act under the pre-existing coverage

formula of Section 4(b) of the Voting Rights Act exceeded its authority under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments and thus violated the Tenth Amendment and Article IV of the United States Constitution.

- Nov 15 2012 Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel for the respondent.
- Nov 21 2012 Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel for the petitioner.
- Nov 30 2012 Consent to the filing of amicus curiae briefs, in support of either party or of neither party, received from counsel on behalf of all respondents-intervenors.
- Dec 18 2012 SET FOR ARGUMENT ON Wednesday, February 27, 2013
- Dec 26 2012 Joint appendix filed.
- Dec 26 2012 Brief of petitioner Shelby County, Alabama filed.
- Dec 27 2012 Brief amici curiae of John Nix, et al. filed.
- Dec 28 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Judicial Education Project filed.
- Dec 28 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Justice and Freedom Fund filed.
- Dec 28 2012 Brief amicus curiae of Mountain States Legal Foundation filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Southeastern Legal Foundation filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of National Black Chamber of Commerce filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amici curiae of Arizona, et al. filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amici curiae of Pacific Legal Foundation, et al. filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Landmark Legal Foundation filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amici curiae of Former Government Officials filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Reason Foundation filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amici curiae of Abraham Lincoln Foundation for Public Policy Research, Inc., et al. filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Center for Constitutional Jurisprudence filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Cato Institute filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Texas filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Project 21 filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Alabama filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Merced County, California, in support of no party filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Alaska filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 2 2013 Brief amicus curiae of American Unity Legal Defense Fund filed.
- Jan 2 2013 Request from counsel for amicus curiae Merced County to lodge non-record materials cited in its brief.
- Jan 4 2013 CIRCULATED.
- Jan 23 2013 Brief amici curiae of Professor Broussard, Named Students, and Organizations filed.
- Jan 25 2013 Brief of respondent-intervenors Earl Cunningham, et al. filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 25 2013 Brief of respondent Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 25 2013 Brief of respondent Respondent-Intervenor Bobby Lee Harris filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 25 2013 Brief of respondents Respondent-Intervenors Bobby Pierson, et al. filed. (Distributed)
- Jan 29 2013 Record received from the U.S.C.A. for the District of Columbia Circuit. (1 Box)

Jan 30 2013 Motion for divided argument filed by respondents Bobby Pierson, et al.

Jan 31 2013 Brief amicus curiae of National Bar Association filed. (Distributed)

Jan 31 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Hon. Congressman John Lewis filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Reps. F. James Sensenbrenner, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Dick Thornburgh, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amicus curiae of Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Inc. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Gabriel Chin, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Constitutional Law Scholars, and Constitutional Accountability Center filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Professors Richard L. Engstrom, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and The Leadership Conference Education Fund, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Marcia L. Fudge, member of Congress and Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Political Science and Law professors filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Jurisdictions that have bailed out filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amicus curiae of National Lawyers Guild filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amicus curiae of American Bar Association filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of National Latino Organizations filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Section 5 litigation intervenors filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Alabama legislative black caucus and Alabama Association of Black County Officials filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of New York, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Senator C. Bradley Hutto, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Navajo Nation, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Joaquin Avila, et al. filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Asian American public interest groups filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Historians and Social Scientists filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Ellen D. Katz and the Voting Rights Initiative filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of Alaska Federation of Natives, Alaska Native Voters and Tribes filed. (Distributed)

Feb 1 2013 Brief amici curiae of City of New York, et al. filed. (Distributed).

Feb 15 2013 Motion for divided argument filed by respondents Bobby Pierson, et al. GRANTED.

Feb 19 2013 Reply of petitioner Shelby County, Alabama filed. (Distributed)

Feb 27 2013 Argued. For petitioner: Bert W. Rein, Washington, D. C. For respondents: Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Solicitor General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. For respondents Bobby Pierson, et al.: Debo P. Adebile, New York, N. Y.

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