

VOTING RIGHTS LITIGATION: Equal Access In A Post-Racial Nation

International Municipal Lawyers Association

The electoral success of minority candidates on the local, state and national level reflects our national commitment to protect voting rights, equal access and effective participation by minority voters in the political process under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as recently amended. Nationally recognized experts will address recent decisions, remedies and emerging trends in the protection of minority voting rights in a program designed for municipal and county attorneys not familiar with the redistricting process and its requirements under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and seasoned local government attorneys who are.



December 10, 2009
Radisson Hotel,
Columbia, SC

IMLA

Voting Rights | Schedule

December 10, 2009

8:00 a.m.

Registration & Introduction

8:15 a.m.-8:50 a.m.

Voting Rights, Electoral Transparency & Participation in the Political Process: Current Trends
Benjamin E. Griffith,
 Program Moderator

8:50 a.m.-9:50 a.m.

Nuts & Bolts of Voting Rights Litigation

- ▶ Section 2 Vote Dilution Litigation Basics
- ▶ Section 5 Preclearance Process
- ▶ Application of the Gingles preconditions
- ▶ Application of the Senate Report Factors
- ▶ Impact of VRARA of 2006: new standards for §2 and §5?

Robert Heath

Heath Bickerstaff

Vincent Fontana

Law Office of Vincent R. Fontana, P.C. (confirmed)

Andrew J. Whalen, III

City Attorney, Griffin, GA

9:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Coffee Break

10:05 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

A Tool Box and Time Line for Redistricting following the 2010 Census

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10:55 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Recent Developments in the Supreme Court
 (Strickland; NAMUDNO)

Abigail Thernstrom

Chair, US Comm'n on Civil Rights

Kristen Clarke

NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund

Terry Ao

Asian American Justice Center

11:45 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

Section 5 Bailout

J. Gerald Hebert

Executive Director & Director of Litigation,
 Campaign Legal Center

12:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Lunch (*provided on site*)

1:35 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

What Cities and Counties need to know about the Redistricting Process: DOJ's Perspective
Christopher Coates
 Chief, Voting Section,
 Civil Rights Div., US Dept. of Justice

2:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Coffee Break

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Remedial Phase of Redistricting Litigation
Laughlin McDonald
 Director, Voting Rights Project, ACLU

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Language Minorities and "Other" Minorities: NAMUDNO v. Holder and Benavidez v City of Irving, Texas

Terry Ao

Director of Census & Voting Programs,
 Asian American Justice Ctr.,
 Amicus Brief on behalf of AAJC in NAMUDNO

Robert Heath

Lead Counsel for City of Irving

4:20 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Q & A from Audience

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