

SLLC Amicus Briefs 2019-2020

Case Name	Case Description	Signatories	Brief Author(s)	Firm(s)	Result	Comments
<i>Lomax v. Ortiz-Marquez</i>	A dismissal without prejudice for failure to state a claim counts as a strike under the Prison Litigation Reform Act	CSG, NACo, NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA, GFOA, National Sheriffs Association	Misha Tseytlin, Sean T.H. Dutton, Elizabeth Holt Andrews, Hillary A. Lehmann, Katharine Lane Malone, Michael K. Cassata, and George Laiolo	Troutman Sanders	9-0 in favor	
<i>County of Maui, Hawaii v. Hawaii Wildlife Fund</i>	When there is a “functional equivalent of a direct discharge” from a point source to navigable waters an appropriate permit is required under the Clean Water Act	NCSL, NACo, NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA, and other state and regional organizations	J.G. Andre Monette, Shawn Hagerty, and Rebecca Andrews	Best Best & Krieger	6-3	The Court adopted a different test than either party/the SLLC asked for
<i>New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. City of New York</i>	A challenge to New York City’s rule disallowing residents to transport firearms to a second home or shooting range outside of the city is moot	NLC, USCM, IMLA	Lawrence Rosenthal	Chapman University, Fowler School of Law	6-3 opposed	The SLLC asked the Court to rule on the merits in this case
<i>Little Sisters of the Poor Saints Peter and Paul Home v. Pennsylvania</i>	Religious employers and employers with moral objections may be exempted from the Affordable Care Act’s contraceptive mandate	NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA	Lisa Soronen	State and Local Legal Center		The SLLC’s brief defended nationwide injunctions; the Court’s opinion didn’t discuss the merits of them

<i>Barr v. American Association of Political Consultants</i>	The Telephone Consumer Protection Act's debt-collection exception is content-based	NACo, NLC, USCM, IMLA	John M. Baker and Katherine M. Swenson	Greene Espel	6-3 opposed	The SLLC asked the Court to consider overruling <i>Reed v. Town of Gilbert</i> —3 Justices agreed; the SLLC asked the Court to not apply strict scrutiny—4 Justices agreed
<i>Torres v. Madrid</i>	Has a Fourth Amendment "seizure" occurred when police unsuccessfully attempt to restrain someone using physical force	NACo, NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA, National Sheriffs Association	Elizabeth B. Prelogar, Allegra Flamm, Barrett J. Anderson, and Jeanne Detch	Cooley		Moved to next term
<i>City of Chicago v. Fulton</i>	Must a local government immediately return a vehicle impounded because of code violations upon a debtor filing for bankruptcy	NACo, NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA, GFOA	Scott Burnett Smith, Alexandra E. Dugan, and Stephen C. Parsley Bradley	Arant Boult Cummings		Moved to next term
<i>Carney v. Adams</i>	May the Delaware Constitution require that three state courts be balanced between the two major political parties	NCSL, NACo, NLC, USCM, ICMA, IMLA	Kirti Datla and Kristina Alekseyeva	Hogan Lovells		Moved to next term