STATE AND LOCAL LEGAL CENTER

Supreme Court Advocacy for State and Local Government

About the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC)



What Does the SLLC Do?

- Files *amicus curiae* briefs in U.S. Supreme Court cases affecting state and local government
- Conducts moot courts for attorneys arguing before the Supreme Court where the SLLC has filed a brief
- Is a resource to state and local government regarding Supreme Court litigation
- Since 1983 the SLLC has filed over 300 Supreme Court *amicus* briefs

Who Belongs to the SLLC?

- National Governors Association
- National Conference of State Legislatures
- Council of State Governments
- National Associations of Counties
- National League of Cities
- United States Conference of Mayors
- International City/County Management Association
- International Municipal Lawyers Association
- Government Finance Officers Association

How is the SLLC Governed?

- The SLLC's board of directors includes the executive directors of the "Big Seven"
- The SLLC executive director meets regularly with an Advisory Council of staff members of the above nine organizations to decide in which cases to file briefs

When does the SLLC File a Brief?

- Three organizations must be interested
- Two organizations must not veto participation

Why is the SLLC Important?

- The Supreme Court takes a significant number of cases affecting state and local government each term
- Briefs are the only way to influence the Supreme Court
- *Amicus* briefs help the Court understand the practical implications of cases

Other SLLC Supreme Court Resources

- Free Supreme Court Review, Preview, and Mid-term articles and webinars
- The SLLC executive director will come to your state and present about the Supreme Court



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