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Important Redistricting Court Cases 2015 NCSL Legislative Summit CLE Session

Case	Topic	Court	Significance
Arizona State Legislature v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Commissions	U.S. Supreme Court	Independent redistricting commissions adopted by citizens' initiatives are constitutional
Harris v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission	Gerrymanders	United States District Court for the District of Arizona	Whether race and party affiliations were used to create Hispanic-heavy districts
Evenwel v. Abbott	Commissions	United States District Court for the Western District of Texas; SCOTUS granted cert	Whether "one person one vote" allows States to use the total population, not just the population of eligible voters
Whitford v. Nichols	Gerrymanders	Filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin	Whether the Assembly district map was drawn on party lines
The League of Women Voters of Florida v. Ken Detzner	Gerrymanders	Florida Supreme Court	Found that Florida's 2012 redistricting map was impermissibly drawn for political reasons
Alabama Legislative Black Caucus v. Alabama	Voting Rights Act	U.S. Supreme Court	U.S. District Court must consider the issue of race as the predominant motive on a district by district basis
Page v. Virginia State Board of Elections	Voting Rights Act	U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia	Remanded to the U.S. DC Eastern District of Virginia, which ruled in June 2015 that Virginia's Congressional map is unconstitutional and must be redrawn
Dickson v. Rucho	Voting Rights Act	North Carolina Supreme Court	U.S. Supreme Court remanded the case to the North Carolina Supreme Court. Re-hearing scheduled on the 2011 redistricting.
Shapiro v. Mack	Civil Procedure	U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit	Can a single district court judge dismiss a claim about redistricting violations, or does it have to be heard by a three-panel court

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