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The Supreme Court in Review



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Community Norms



Bring your full self and limit distractions



Use the chat box to add thoughts, experiences, and/or questions



What is learned here, leaves here



No one knows everything, together we know a lot



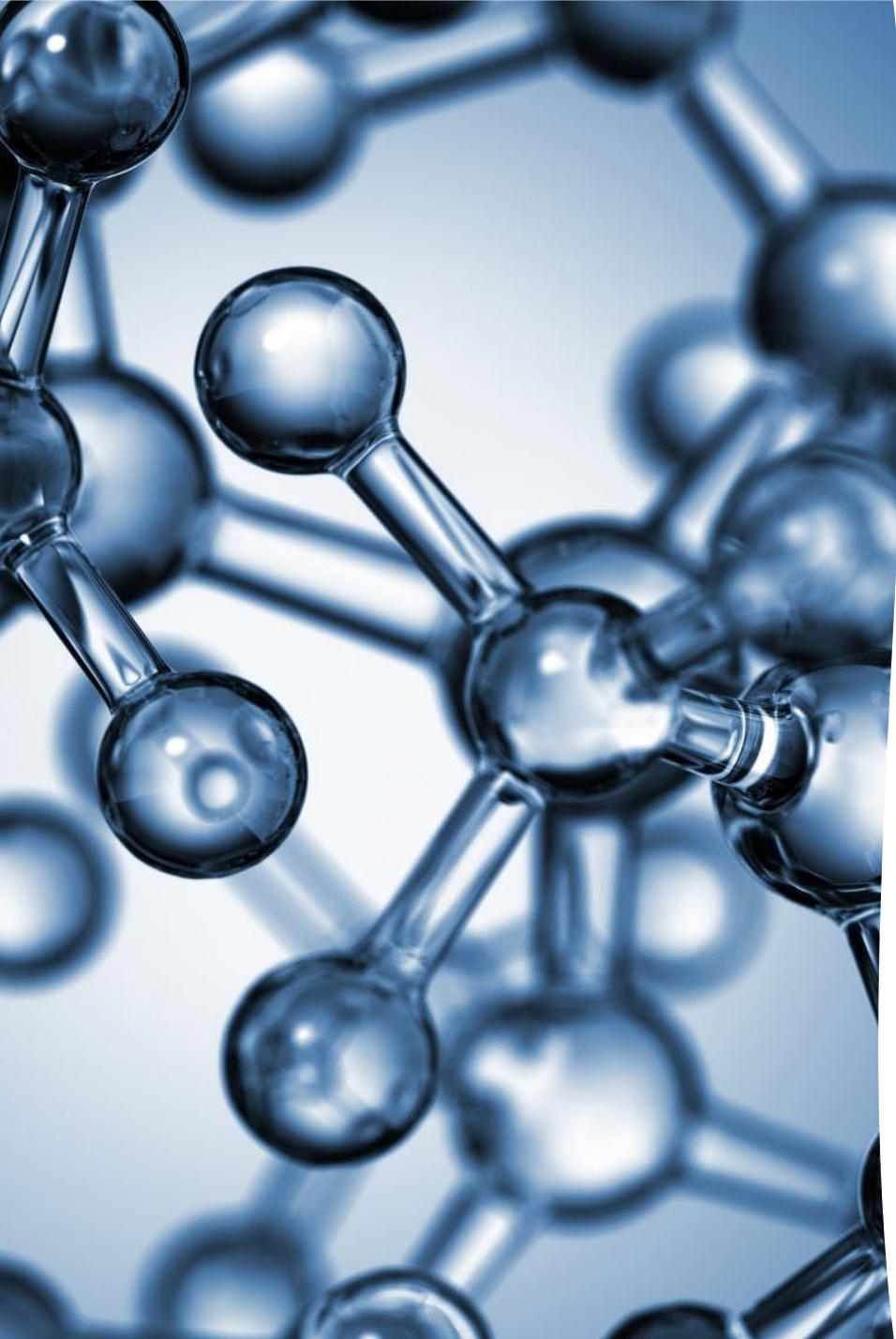
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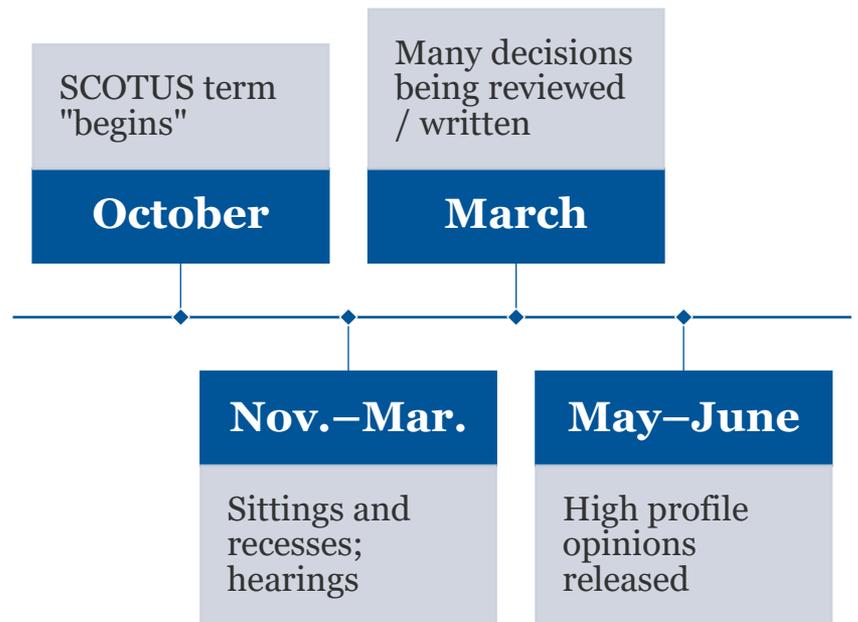
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Assume best intentions



Timeline



SCOTUS Process

4 votes required to take a case

5 for majority on holding

If the Chief Justice is in the majority, they will determine who writes opinions

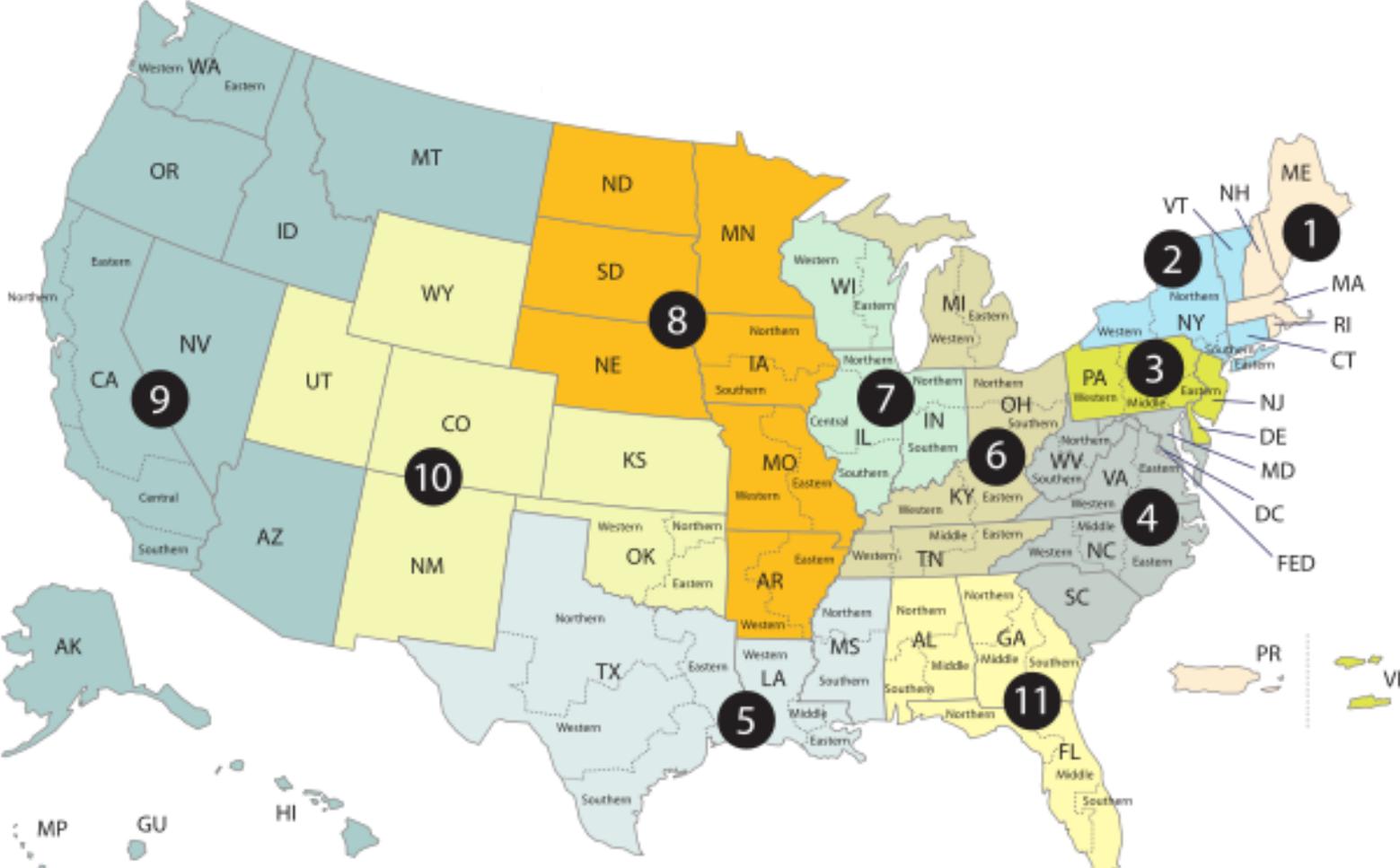
The most senior justice in the majority determines who writes the opinion if the Chief Justice is in the minority

Shadow Docket

- Otherwise known as the rocket docket or the emergency docket
- When the Court takes an emergency application to review a lower court's ruling while an appeal challenging that ruling is in progress
- Procedural decision
- Ex. *Whole Women's Health v Jackson*

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Federal Circuit Assignments



Recent History of LWV & SCOTUS

Plaintiffs

- *League of Women Voters of North Carolina v Rucho* (known as *Common Cause v Rucho*)

Amicus Briefs

- Most common form of participation
- *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*
- *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v Bruen*

**Cases in
2020-
2022:**

October Term 2020

- *Common Cause v Trump*
- *Fulton v City of Philadelphia*
- *New York v Trump*
- *National Urban League v DeJoy*
- *National Urban League v Ross*
- *Americans for Prosperity v Bonta*

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*New York State
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Bruen*

*Dobbs v Jackson
Women's Health
Organization*

SCOTUS Leaked Opinion

Published on May 1 by Politico

Not a final decision

- The draft, if finalized, would overturn *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*

Written by Justice Alito

Confirmed by Chief Justice Roberts as authentic

Board Approved Motion

On Sunday, May 8, the board met to review the LWVUS filibuster stance and its applicability to reproductive rights.

In light of the League's position on voting rights and reproductive rights and the current roadblocks preventing the passage by Congress of critical legislation on our priority issues, the LWVUS board of directors hereby supports filibuster reform including the elimination of the filibuster.

Action Alert and Letter to the Hill

On May 10th, LWVUS sent a [letter](#) to members of the US Senate asking them to vote yes on S4132, legislation that would codify a woman's right to reproductive choice, including access to abortion services.

Take Action: Tell Your Senators to Vote YES on the Women's Health Protection Act (S4132)

The time has come for Congress to protect the reproductive rights of women and people who may become pregnant. This week, the Senate will vote on S4132, the *Women's Health Protection Act*, which would protect abortion access nationwide by federally codifying a patient's right to receive, and a health care provider's right to provide, abortion services without burdensome restrictions or requirements.

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Current Supreme Court Justices

- Justice Kavanaugh
- Justice Kagan
- Justice Gorsuch
- Justice Barrett
- Justice Alito
- Justice Thomas
- **Chief Justice Roberts**
- Justice Breyer
- Justice Sotomayor



New Addition to the Supreme Court

Justice Ketanji
Brown Jackson



Resources

- **SCOTUS Blog:** <https://www.scotusblog.com/>
- **Federal Circuits Assignments:**
 - <https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/circuitassignments.aspx>
- **Jackson confirmation announcement:** <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/us-senate-confirms-judge-ketanji-brown-jackson-supreme-court>
- **Action alert:** tinyurl.com/v2xbwtt4
- **Letter to Hill:** tinyurl.com/294z9535



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