

# STATE AND LOCAL LEGAL CENTER ADVOCATES TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Since 1983, the State and Local Legal Center (SLLC) has filed amicus curiae briefs to the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the “Big Seven” national organizations representing the interests of state and local government. The Big Seven groups include: the National Governors Association, the National Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and the International City/County Management Association. The International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Government Finance Officers Association also belong to the SLLC.

State leagues participate in the SLLC through the National League of Cities.

The SLLC files an amicus brief in a Supreme Court case where three of the seven members of the SLLC want a brief written and two organizations do not veto participation. Each SLLC member decides whether to sign onto an SLLC brief after reviewing its contents.

To date, the SLLC has filed more than 300 Supreme Court briefs. The SLLC generally files briefs in cases involving federalism and preemption, and other cases where the interests of state and local government are at stake.

It is not unusual for the Court to cite or quote an SLLC brief in an opinion or discuss a SLLC brief at oral argument.

Lisa Soronen is the Executive Director of the SLLC. She is a resource to the Big Seven on the Supreme Court. The SLLC also offers moot courts to attorneys arguing state and local government cases before the Supreme

Court. Each year, the SLLC offers Supreme Court review, preview, and mid-term webinars and articles focusing on cases from the term affecting state and local government.

Lisa also writes about Supreme Court cases affecting cities on the NLC blog, the “Weekly,” and the “Federal Advocacy Update.”

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