

**14-232 HARRIS V. AZ INDEPENDENT COMMISSION**

DECISION BELOW: 993 F.Supp.2d 1042

LOWER COURT CASE NUMBER: 12-0894

QUESTION PRESENTED:

1. Does the desire to gain partisan advantage for one political party justify intentionally creating over-populated legislative districts that result in tens of thousands of individual voters being denied Equal Protection because their individual votes are devalued, violating the one-person, one-vote principle?

2. Does the desire to obtain favorable preclearance review by the Justice Department permit the creation of legislative districts that deviate from the one-person, one-vote principle? And, even if creating unequal districts to obtain preclearance approval was once justified, is this still a legitimate justification after *Shelby County v. Holder*, 133 S.Ct. 2612 (2013)?

3. Was the Arizona redistricting commission correct to disregard the majority--minority rule and rely on race and political party affiliation to create Hispanic "influence" districts?

ORDER OF 7/2/2015: LIMITED TO QUESTIONS 1 AND 2 PRESENTED BY THE STATEMENT AS TO JURISDICTION.

JURISDICTION NOTED 6/30/2015