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The first Monday in October marks the beginning of the annual term of the [United States Supreme Court](#). The 2022-2023 term marks the beginning of a new era of the [Roberts Court](#). With the addition of Associate Justice [Ketanji Brown Jackson](#), the Court will preside over approximately 80 cases during the term. In recent years, 7,000-8,000 cases are filed per term, with the Court under no obligation to hear any set number. To date, the Court has agreed to hear 36 cases during its 2022-2023 term. Let's examine some of these cases.

CASE	THE ISSUES	THE QUESTIONS
<a href="#">Merrill v. Milligan</a> October 4, 2022	Plaintiffs allege that a newly drawn congressional map in Alabama packs Black voters into the 7th Congressional District and cracks Black voters among three other districts. The plaintiffs are asking the Court to invalidate the Alabama congressional map and order a new map drawn with instructions to include a second majority-Black district.	1.Does Alabama's 2021 redistricting plan for its seven U.S. House of Representatives seats violate Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act?
<a href="#">Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. v. Goldsmith</a> October 12, 2022	Artist Andy Warhol created a series of silkscreen prints and pencil illustrations ("Prince Series") based on a copyrighted 1981 photograph of the musician Prince, taken by Lynn Goldsmith. Warhol made some aesthetic changes to Goldsmith's original photograph, but they remained "recognizably derived" from the original. Goldsmith sued the Andy Warhol Foundation, successor to Warhol's copyright in the Prince Series, for copyright infringement. The Foundation raised fair use as a defense.	1.What does it mean for a work of art to be "transformative" as a matter of law under the Copyright Act of 1976?
<a href="#">Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. University of North Carolina</a> <a href="#">Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President &amp; Fellows of Harvard</a> October 31, 2022	Whether it is constitutional for higher education institutions to use race as a factor in higher education admissions is examined.	1.Should the Court overturn <i>Grutter v. Bollinger</i> (2003) and hold that institutions of higher education cannot use race as a factor in admissions? 2.Can a university reject a race-neutral alternative because it would change the composition of the student body, without proving that the alternative would cause a dramatic sacrifice in academic quality or the educational benefits of overall student-body diversity? 3.Does Harvard College's race-conscious admissions process violate Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964?
<a href="#">303 Creative LLC v. Elenis</a> Not scheduled	Lorie Smith is a website designer who runs her own business in Colorado. Smith wanted to include a notice on her business website to alert users that it was against her faith to create websites for non-heterosexual marriages although her refusal would violate a Colorado anti-discrimination law.	1.Does the application of a public-accommodation law to compel an artist to speak or stay silent violate the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment?
<a href="#">Moore v. Harper</a> Not scheduled	The case concerns the independent state legislature doctrine, which theorizes that state legislatures alone are empowered by the U.S. Constitution to regulate federal elections without oversight from state courts.	1.Whether a state's judicial branch may nullify the regulations governing the "Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives . . . prescribed . . . by the Legislature thereof," U.S. CONST. art. I, § 4, cl. 1, and replace them with regulations of the state courts' own devising. The case questions whether such actions are based on vague state-level constitutional provisions purportedly vesting the state judiciary with power to prescribe whatever rules it deems appropriate to ensure a "fair" or "free" election.

**To Think and To Do:** Examine the listed cases presented for the 2022-2023 Supreme Court term. Which one(s) are of most interest to you? Why?



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