

# Alabama Felon Disenfranchisement Lawsuit:

*A Historic Opportunity to Begin Restoring Voting Rights for Millions of U.S. voters*

## Our Experienced and Creative Legal Team



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**Aderson B. Francois** is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Institute for Public Representation Civil Rights Clinic at Georgetown Law. Prior to joining Georgetown Law, he was a professor at Howard University School of Law and led Howard's civil rights clinic. He has broad civil rights experience with a focus on voting rights. He has served as Special Assistant to the United States Commission on Civil Rights and was a member of President Barack Obama's Transition team in 2008.



**Armand Derfner** is a civil rights litigator with nearly fifty years of experience in voting rights litigation. He has argued several landmark voting rights cases in the Supreme Court, including *Allen v. State Board of Elections* (1968) and *Perkins v. Matthews* (1971). He is a professor at Charleston School of Law and co-counsel with the Campaign Legal Center in *Veasey v. Abbott*, our challenge to the Texas voter ID law.



**Jessica Ring Amunson** is a partner in the Appellate and Supreme Court Practice at Jenner & Block. She is also Co-Chair of the firm's Election Law and Redistricting Practice and has litigated election law and redistricting matters in a number of states and before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Amunson has been repeatedly recognized for her extensive knowledge of election law and regularly speaks on panels regarding issues in redistricting and voting rights. She serves on the Advisory Committee to the Voting Rights Institute.



**Mitch McGuire** is a civil rights litigator at McGuire & Associates, LLC, based in Montgomery, Alabama. McGuire has recently co-counseled several cutting edge lawsuits on behalf of ex-offenders and criminal defendants in Alabama with a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit law firm. One of those lawsuits led the City of Dothan to change its bail policy to ensure that it does not imprison people just for being poor.



**Danielle Lang** is Voting Rights Counsel at Campaign Legal Center, where she litigates a wide range of voting rights matters including the Texas voter ID challenge, *Veasey v. Abbott*. Prior to joining CLC, she graduated from Yale Law School in 2012, clerked for Judge Richard Paez on the Ninth Circuit court of Appeals, and was a Skadden Fellow at a legal aid organization in Los Angeles from 2013-2015.



**James Blacksher** is an Alabama-based civil rights litigator with over forty years of experience. He has represented plaintiffs in key voting rights cases in Alabama including *Bolden v. City of Mobile* and *Dillard v. Crenshaw County*. He currently represents the Alabama Legislative Black Caucus in a challenge to the House and Senate districts passed by the Legislature in 2012.