Session Description: In the most recent term, the U.S. Supreme Court heard a pile of cases on issues that impact state legislatures, including the independent state legislatures theory, redistricting, student debt and affirmative action. And there's more excitement to come! Join us as we dive into these issues and more!

Agenda:
1:45-1:50  
Susan Parnas Frederick, Senior Federal Affairs Counsel, NCSL

1:50-2:50  
Moderated Discussion: George Hicks, Partner, Attorney, Kirkland & Ellis

2:50-3:00  
Questions and Answers

Biographies

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