
New York Voting Rights Act Settlements: Newburgh and Mount Pleasant

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Abrams Fensterman, LLP, together with the [Election Law Clinic at Harvard Law School](#), secured two landmark settlements under the New York State Voting Rights Act, reshaping local election systems in both the Town of Newburgh and the Town of Mount Pleasant.

These cases challenged at-large election systems that diluted the voting strength of Black and Hispanic residents, limiting their ability to elect candidates of their choice. The resulting settlements implement meaningful structural reforms designed to ensure more equitable representation in local government.

The matters were led by [David Imamura](#), with [Amy Marion](#) serving as lead trial counsel throughout the litigation.

Town of Newburgh Settlement

Newburgh Adopts Proportional Ranked Choice Voting After NY Voting Rights Act Lawsuit

The Town of Newburgh agreed to adopt proportional ranked choice voting for Town Council elections, marking the first case fully resolved under the New York State Voting Rights Act.

[Read the Newburgh Announcement ?](#)

Town of Mount Pleasant Settlement

Mount Pleasant to Adopt District-Based Elections and Expand Town Board After NY Voting Rights Act Lawsuit

The Mount Pleasant Town Board approved a settlement adopting district-based elections and expanding the Town Board, resolving claims that Hispanic voters' electoral power had been diluted.

[Read the Mount Pleasant Announcement ?](#)

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