

# 'It Will Be Momentous': Supreme Court Embarking on New Term



When the U.S. Supreme Court begins its new term Monday, it will take up a docket filled with some of the moment's most contentious issues: voting rights, religious liberty, protection from discrimination, and privacy in an increasingly monitored society, reports *The Washington Post*.

Reporter **Robert Barnes** quotes Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who told Georgetown University law students recently: "There is only one prediction that is entirely safe about the upcoming term, and that is: It will be momentous."

He lists three cases that will get the most attention:

- \* Whether the court for the first time will find that a state's electoral districts were gerrymandered with such a partisan skew that they violate the Constitution.
- \* Whether prosecutors must seek a judge's permission before securing cellphone tower records that contain months of details about a person's whereabouts.
- \* Whether a wedding vendor whose religious beliefs do not condone same-sex marriage must comply with a state law that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.

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