

# Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Death Row Inmate Challenging Georgia's Method of Execution

## News

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In a 5-4 majority opinion, the US Supreme Court ruled in favor of our client Michael Nance, a death row inmate who is seeking to die by firing squad instead of by lethal injection.

The decision allows Mr. Nance to challenge his execution by lethal injection under Section 1983, a federal civil rights law that allows individuals to seek remedies when their constitutional rights are violated.

“We’re very gratified by the Court’s decision, which confirms that prisoners have judicial recourse to seek protection from cruel and unusual punishment,” said Jenner & Block Partner Matthew. S Hellman, who argued the case before the Supreme Court in April.

Mr. Hellman was supported by Associates Kevin J. Kennedy, Urja R. Mittal, and Deanna Krokos. The team also included Partners Jessica Ring Amunson, Ian Heath Gershengorn, Lindsay C. Harrison, Lauren J. Hartz, Tassity Johnson, and Adam G. Unikowsky.

The firm did the case in conjunction with the **Jenner & Block Supreme Court and Appellate Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School** where law students assisted with every aspect of drafting the briefs and preparing for argument.

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