

Robert D. Popper Biography

I am a Senior Attorney and Director of voting integrity efforts at Judicial Watch, Inc. Judicial Watch is a Washington, D.C.-based public interest nonprofit dedicated to promoting transparency, accountability, and integrity in government, politics, and the law.

I was admitted to the Bar in New York in 1990, and I have been practicing as a litigator for 31 years. I have special knowledge and expertise in the area of voting law. In 1995, as a solo practitioner, I represented plaintiffs in a successful constitutional challenge to the design of New York's 12th Congressional District.

In 2005, I joined the Voting Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where I worked for eight years. In 2008, I received a Special Commendation Award for my efforts in enforcing Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 ("NVRA"), which requires state offices providing public assistance to offer those receiving it the opportunity to register to vote. That same year, I was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Voting Section. In my time at the DOJ, I managed voting rights investigations, litigations, consent decrees, and settlements in dozens of states. I helped to enforce all the statutes the Department is charged with enforcing, including the NVRA, the Help America Vote Act of 2002, the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act of 1986, and the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act of 2009. Of particular relevance, I managed lawsuits enforcing the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, including the minority language provisions of Section 203; the preclearance provisions of Section 5; the anti-intimidation provisions of Section 11; and Section 2, the subject of the *Brnovich* decision.

In 2013, I joined Judicial Watch. In my time here, I have litigated voting rights cases in several states and have filed numerous friend-of-the-court briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court—including in *Brnovich*—and in various other courts. I have testified before state legislatures on voting reform measures. In the course of my career, I have published popular pieces and scholarly articles on the subject of voting law