Session Description: The Supreme Court’s recent term ended with decisions that had significant ramifications for states. Issues include the separation of church and state, the citizenship question on the 2020 Census, partisan gerrymandering, and whether courts should defer to an agency’s interpretation of an ambiguous regulation. Learn about these cases’ legal arguments and holdings, and be privy to a behind-the-scenes look at the justices and high court dynamics.

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