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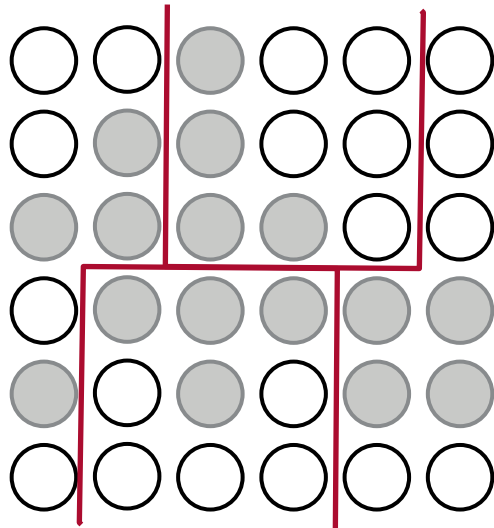
Race and ethnicity



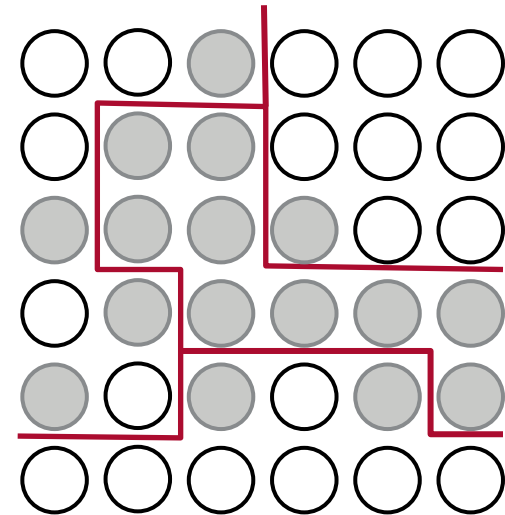
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Rule One

Don't set out to hurt voters based on their race or ethnicity



“Cracking”



“Packing”

- No matter if lines are “pretty”
- No matter the ultimate motive

Rule Two

Comply with the Voting Rights Act

- Are there sizable, relatively concentrated minority communities?
- Do the minority communities have distinct electoral preferences?
- Did (or do) underrepresented minorities face discrimination?
- Can we design districts to give minorities a fair shot?



Rule Three

Consider other factors at the same time

Race can only “predominate” if there’s a really good reason



Avoiding the improper use of race

- It's fine to consider race and ethnicity
- Don't set out to overpack
- Don't set out to divide / splinter
- Consider factors in addition to race / ethnicity (and explain those other factors)
 - Communities of interest
 - City / county / neighborhood boundaries
 - Compactness (based on population)



Avoiding insufficient attention to race

- Are local minority groups large enough to be > 50% “CVAP” (separately or together)
- Do local minority groups have distinct political preferences (separately or together, primaries or general elections)
- Is there a history of discrimination with lingering effects?
- Do minority groups have a meaningful opportunity in a proportional number of districts?
- What would it take for the local minority groups to have meaningful opportunities to elect candidates of their choice?

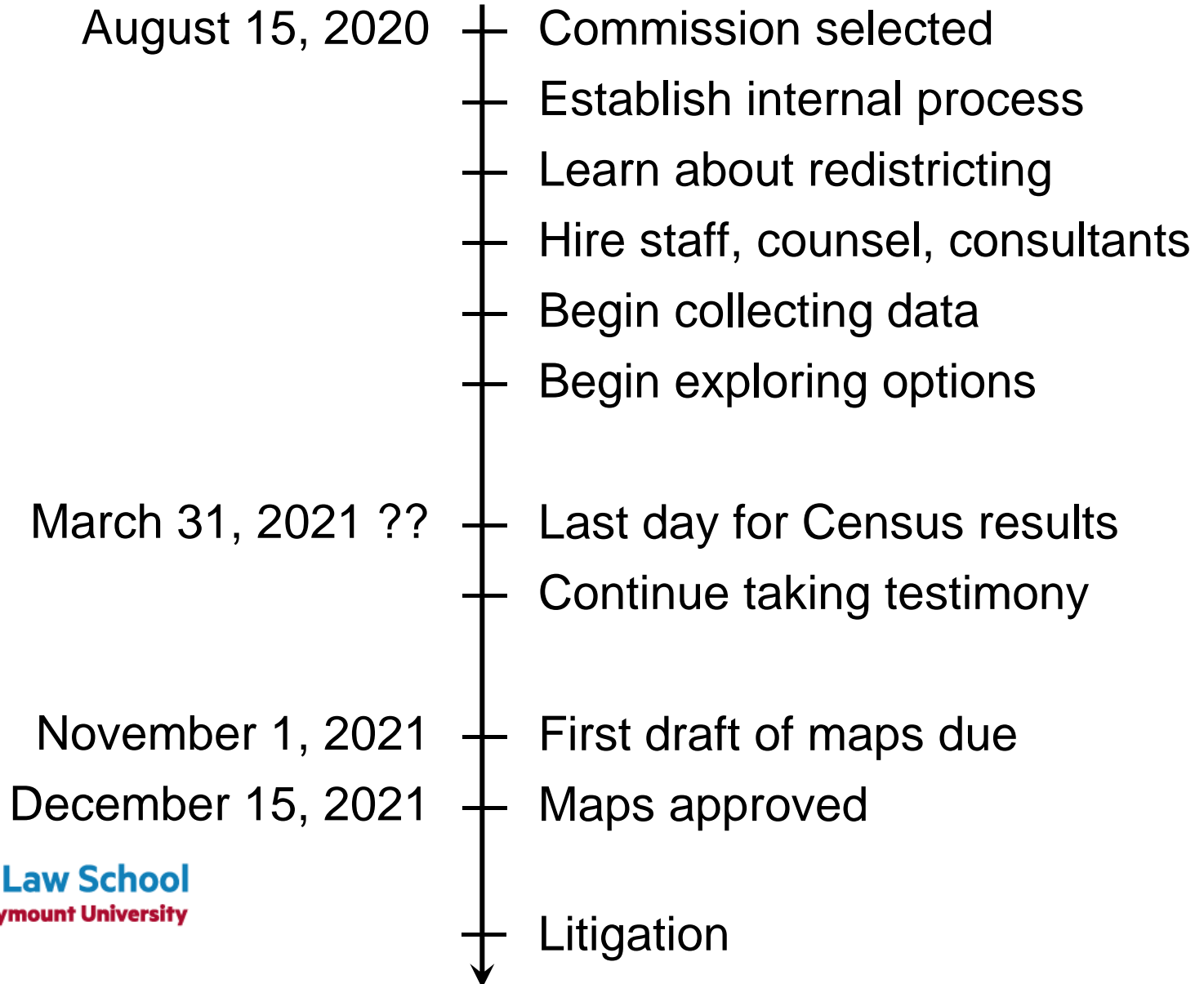


Early and often – it's iterative

- Start early with data
- Give time to consider blocs of multiple minority groups
- Give time to try different combinations



The timeline is quite short



Further information

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