

The Three-Judge Court Act provides that a special “district court of three judges” shall hear cases that “challenge the constitutionality of the apportionment of congressional districts.” The single judge to whom a case is initially referred may decline to convene a three-judge court if “he determines that three judges are not required.” In *Goosby v. Osser*, 409 U.S. 512 (1973), the Supreme Court held that the Act “does not require the convening of a three-judge court when the [claim] is insubstantial.” *Id.* at 518. A claim is insubstantial when it is “obviously frivolous” or “inescapably” meritless. *Id.* at 518-519. The question presented in this case is whether a single-judge district court may “determine that three judges are not required” on the basis that the complaint fails to state a claim under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). We filed a petition for certiorari, which the Supreme Court granted. We briefed and argued the case, winning a swift 9-0 victory for our clients.