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No. 14-60837
Campaign for Southern Equality, et al v. Phil Bryant, et al
USDC No. 3:14-CV-818

Dear Counsel,

In light of the Court order granting the motion to expedite the appeal, the briefing schedule will be as follows in this case:

Appellants' brief due: December 19, 2014

Appellees' brief due: December 24, 2014

Appellants' reply brief due: January 2, 2015

Due to the expedited nature of the case, once your electronically filed brief is reviewed for compliance, you will be required to OVERNIGHT the paper copies of your briefs and record excerpts.

We have docketed the appeal as shown above, and ask you to use the case number in future inquiries. You can obtain a copy of our briefing checklist on the Fifth Circuit's website "www.ca5.uscourts.gov/clerk/docs/brchecklist.pdf".

Briefing Notice. The record is complete for purposes of the appeal, see FED R. APP. P. 12. Appellant's brief and record excerpts are due. See FED R. APP. P. & 5TH CIR. R. 28, 30, and 31. See also 5TH CIR. R. 30.1.2 and 5TH CIR. R. 31.1 to determine if you have to file

electronic copies of the brief and record excerpts. [If required, **electronic copies MUST be in Portable Document Format (PDF).**]

Policy on Extensions. The court grants extensions sparingly and under the criteria of 5TH CIR. R. 31.4. You must contact opposing counsel and tell us if the extension is opposed or not. 5TH CIR. R. 31.4 and the Internal Operating Procedures following rules 27 and 31 state that except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the maximum extension for filing briefs is 30 days in criminal cases and 40 days in civil cases.

Reply Brief. We do not send cases to the court until all briefs are filed, except in criminal appeals. Reply briefs must be filed within the 14 day period of FED R. APP. P. 31(a)(1). See 5TH CIR. R. 31.1 to determine if you have to file electronic copies of the brief, and the format.

Brief Covers. THE CASE CAPTION(S) ON BRIEF COVERS MUST BE EXACTLY THE SAME AS THE CASE CAPTION(S) ON THE ENCLOSED TITLE CAPTION SHEET(S). **YOU WILL HAVE TO CORRECT ANY MODIFICATIONS YOU MAKE TO THE CAPTION(S) BEFORE WE SUBMIT YOUR BRIEF TO THE COURT.**

Dismissal of Appeals. The clerk may dismiss appeals **without notice** if you do not file a brief on time.

Appearance Form. If you have not electronically filed a "Form for Appearance of Counsel", you must do so within 14 days from this date. You must name each party you represent, See FED R. APP. P. and 5TH CIR. R. 12. The form is available from the Fifth Circuit's website, www.ca5.uscourts.gov.

New Guidance Regarding Citations in Pleadings.


The court has approved an amendment to 5TH CIR. R. 28.2.2 granting the Clerk the authority to create a standard format for citation to the electronic record on appeal. You must use the new citation format when citing to the electronic record on appeal.

- A. In single record cases, use the short citation form, "ROA" followed by a period, followed by the page number. For example, "ROA.123."
- B. For multiple record cases, cite "ROA" followed by a period, followed by the Fifth Circuit appellate case number of the record referenced, followed by a period, followed by the page of the record. For example, "ROA.13-12345.123."

Important notice: 5TH CIR. R. 30.1.7(c) provides that the electronic PDF version of the record excerpts should contain pages representing the "tabs" identified in the index of the document. However, we remind attorneys that the actual paper copies of record excerpts filed with the court must contain actual physical tabs that extend beyond the edge of the document, to facilitate easy identification and review of tabbed documents.

Sincerely,

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Case No. 14-60837

CAMPAIGN FOR SOUTHERN EQUALITY; REBECCA BICKETT; ANDREA SANDERS;
JOCELYN PRITCHETT; CARLA WEBB,

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

PHIL BRYANT, in his Official Capacity as Governor of the State
of Mississippi; JIM HOOD, in his Official Capacity as
Mississippi Attorney General,

Defendants - Appellants