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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,

Each side is directed to file, on or before July 1, 2015, a letter advisory on the current posture of this case to assist the court in rendering a full and appropriate final disposition. The advisories should address, without limitation, the following:

1. As the parties and this court are well aware, the Supreme Court has issued *Obergefell v. Hodges*, No. 14-556, 2015 U.S. LEXIS 4250 (U.S. June 26, 2015). Each attorney should state, as an officer of the court, what is the proper order or opinion that this court should render in response to that controlling case.

2. After the *Obergefell* decision was announced, the appellees filed, on June 26, a "Motion for Immediate Lifting of Stay and Issuance of Mandate." The motion states that appellant Jim Hood, in his official capacity as Attorney General, does not oppose the motion and that appellant Phil Bryant, in his official capacity as Governor, opposes the motion. Each of the advisories should address the merits of that motion. More specifically, appellant Bryant should state the reasons, if any, for opposition.

3. The attorneys should identify any other motions that remain pending in this court and what disposition should be made of any such motions(s). (The court is unaware of any pending

motions.)

4. The advisories should state whether there is any reason why this matter should be returned to the district court or whether, instead, the final rendering can and should be made by this court.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

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