

**U.S. District Court  
Alabama Middle District (Montgomery)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:16-cv-00783-WKW-CSC**

Thompson et al v. State of Alabama et al (JOINT ASSIGN)  
Assigned to: Chief Judge William Keith Watkins  
Referred to: Honorable Judge Charles S. Coody  
Cause: 42:1973 Voting Rights Act

Date Filed: 09/26/2016  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 441 Civil Rights: Voting  
Jurisdiction: Federal Question

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09/26/2016	<u>1</u>	CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF against John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker ( Filing fee \$ 400.00 receipt number 4602042577.), filed by Melissa Swetnam, Antwoine Giles, Laura Corley, Jennifer Zimmer, Larry Joe Newby, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Timothy Lanier, Treva Thompson, Pamela King, Anna Reynolds, Mario Dion Yow. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Filing Fee Receipt)(dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>2</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Laura Corley. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>3</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Antwoine Giles. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>4</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Greater Birmingham Ministries. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>5</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Pamela King. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
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09/26/2016	<u>8</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Anna Reynolds. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>9</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Treva Thompson. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>10</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Melissa Swetnam. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>11</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Mario Dion Yow. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>12</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Jennifer Zimmer. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>13</u>	Summons Issued as to John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker and returned to counsel for personal service.(dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>14</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Melissa Swetnam, Antwoine Giles, Laura Corley, Jennifer Zimmer, Larry Joe Newby, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Timothy Lanier, Treva Thompson, Pamela King, Anna Reynolds, Mario Dion Yow. State of Alabama served on 9/26/2016, answer due 10/17/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>15</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Melissa Swetnam, Antwoine Giles, Laura Corley, Jennifer Zimmer, Larry Joe Newby, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Timothy Lanier, Treva Thompson, Pamela King, Anna Reynolds, Mario Dion Yow. John H. Merrill served on 9/26/2016, answer due 10/17/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)

09/26/2016	<u>16</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Melissa Swetnam, Antwoine Giles, Laura Corley, Jennifer Zimmer, Larry Joe Newby, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Timothy Lanier, Treva Thompson, Pamela King, Anna Reynolds, Mario Dion Yow. George Noblin served on 9/26/2016, answer due 10/17/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/26/2016	<u>17</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Melissa Swetnam, Antwoine Giles, Laura Corley, Jennifer Zimmer, Larry Joe Newby, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Timothy Lanier, Treva Thompson, Pamela King, Anna Reynolds, Mario Dion Yow. Clifford Walker served on 9/26/2016, answer due 10/17/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>18</u>	Motion for Danielle Lang to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to include name of attorney (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>19</u>	Motion for J. Gerald Hebertto Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to clarify text to add name of attorney (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>20</u>	Motion for JESSICA RING AMUNSON to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to clarify text to add name of attorney (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>21</u>	Motion for Aderson B. Francois to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to clarify text to add attorney name (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>22</u>	Motion for Patrick Llewellyn to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to clarify text to add attorney name (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>23</u>	Motion for Armand Derfner to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 9/30/2016 to clarify text to add attorney name (qc/djy, ). (Entered: 09/29/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>24</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fee for Jessica Amunson received re <u>20</u> Motion: \$ 50.00, receipt number 4602042601. (dmn, ) (Entered: 10/03/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>25</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fees received for Danielle Lang and Joseph Hebert re Motions (Doc. Nos. <u>18</u> and <u>19</u> ): \$ 100.00, receipt number 4602042600. (dmn, ) (Entered: 10/03/2016)
09/29/2016	<u>26</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fee received for Armand Derfner re <u>23</u> Motion: \$ 50.00, receipt number 4602042602. (dmn, ) (Entered: 10/03/2016)
10/07/2016	<u>27</u>	TEXT ORDER granting <u>18</u> Motion for Danielle Lang to Appear Pro Hac Vice; granting <u>19</u> Motion for J. Gerald Hebertto to Appear Pro Hac Vice; granting <u>20</u> Motion for Jessica Ring Amunson to Appear Pro Hac Vice; granting <u>23</u> Motion for Armand Derfner to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 10/7/2016. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/07/2016)
10/11/2016	<u>28</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fee for Aderson B. Francois re <u>21</u> Motion: \$ 50.00, receipt number 4602042735. (dmn, ) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/11/2016	<u>29</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fee received for Patrick D. Llewellyn re <u>22</u> Motion: \$ 50.00, receipt number 4602042736. (dmn, ) (Entered: 10/12/2016)

10/12/2016	30	TEXT ORDER granting <u>21</u> Motion for Aderson B. Francois to Appear Pro Hac Vice; and granting <u>22</u> Motion for Patrick Llewellyn to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 10/12/2016. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>31</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Andrew L Brasher on behalf of All Defendants (Brasher, Andrew) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>32</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by James William Davis on behalf of All Defendants (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>33</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Misty Shawn Fairbanks Messick on behalf of All Defendants (Messick, Misty) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>34</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by State of Alabama. (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>35</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by John H. Merrill. (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>36</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by George Noblin. (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>37</u>	Corporate/Conflict Disclosure Statement by Clifford Walker. (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/12/2016	<u>38</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Brasher, Andrew) (Entered: 10/12/2016)
10/13/2016	39	TEXT ORDER: It is ORDERED that the <u>38</u> Motion for Extension of Time to Answer is granted to and including 11/16/2016. Answer due from John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, and Clifford Walker on 11/16/2016. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 10/13/2016. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/13/2016)
10/20/2016		Mail Returned as Undeliverable. 27 Text Order mailed to Armand Derfner returned by USPS with the following notation, "Return to Sender, Attempted, Not Known, Unable to Forward." Text Order re-mailed 10/21/2016 to updated address. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/21/2016)
10/24/2016		Mail Returned as Undeliverable. 30 Text Order mailed to Armand Derfner returned by USPS with the following notation, "Return to Sender, Attempted, Not Known, Unable to Forward." Text order re-mailed 10/25/2016 to updated address as noted on docket. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/25/2016)
10/28/2016		Mail Returned as Undeliverable. 39 Text Order mailed to Armand Derfner returned by USPS with the following notation, "Return to Sender, Attempted, Not Known, Unable to Forward." Text order re-mailed 10/31/2016 to updated address as noted on docket. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/31/2016)
11/01/2016	<u>40</u>	Motion for Pamela S. Karlan to Appear Pro Hac Vice by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(McGuire, Joseph) Modified on 11/4/2016 to add attorney name requesting appearance. (dmn, ) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/01/2016	<u>41</u>	Pro Hac Vice Filing fee for Pamela Karlan received re <u>40</u> Motion: \$ 50.00, receipt number 4602042962 (dmn, ) (Entered: 11/01/2016)
11/04/2016	42	TEXT ORDER: It is ORDERED that the <u>40</u> Motion for Pamela S. Karlan to Appear Pro Hac Vice is granted. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 11/4/2016. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 11/04/2016)
11/16/2016	<u>43</u>	MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM <i>and Brief in Support</i> by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G)(Brasher, Andrew) (Entered: 11/16/2016)
11/16/2016		BRIEF/MEMORANDUM in Support of <u>43</u> Motion to Dismiss filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (dmn, ) (NO PDF, see Doc. <u>43</u> for pdf.) (Entered: 11/17/2016)

11/17/2016	<u>44</u>	BRIEFING ORDER setting out briefing schedule on dispositive motions as further set out in the order. It is ORDERED that the <u>43</u> Motion to Dismiss be submitted without oral argument on 12/15/2016. It is further ORDERED that the plaintiffs file a response, which shall include a brief, on or before 12/8/2016. The defendants may file a reply brief on or before 12/15/2016. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 11/17/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 11/17/2016)
11/21/2016	<u>45</u>	UNOPPOSED MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>43</u> MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM <i>and Brief in Support</i> by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Blacksher, James) Modified on 11/28/2016 to reflect the motion is unopposed. (dmn, ) (Additional attachment(s) added on 11/28/2016: # <u>1</u> Correct Certificate of Service) (dmn, ). (Entered: 11/21/2016)
11/28/2016	46	[VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT <u>47</u> ORDER.] TEXT ORDER: Upon consideration of the <u>45</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Response to the <u>43</u> Motion to Dismiss, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and the deadline to file a response is extended to and including 1/27/2017. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 11/28/2016. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) Modified on 11/30/2016 (dmn, ). (Entered: 11/28/2016)
11/30/2016	<u>47</u>	ORDER: The order entered on 11/28/2016 is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that Plaintiffs' <u>45</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time is GRANTED. Plaintiffs' deadline to file a response to Defendants' <u>43</u> Motion to Dismiss is EXTENDED to and including 1/13/2017, and Defendants' deadline to file a reply brief is EXTENDED to and including 1/27/2017. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 11/30/2016. (dmn, ) (Entered: 11/30/2016)
01/13/2017	<u>48</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>43</u> MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM <i>and Brief in Support</i> filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibit 1 – Gooden v. Worley)(Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 01/13/2017)
01/13/2017		BRIEF/MEMORANDUM in Support of <u>48</u> Opposition to <u>43</u> Motion, filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (dmn, ) (NO PDF, see Doc. <u>48</u> for pdf.) (Entered: 01/17/2017)
01/18/2017	<u>49</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>43</u> MOTION TO DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM <i>and Brief in Support</i> by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Brasher, Andrew) (Entered: 01/18/2017)
02/10/2017	<u>50</u>	REPLY in Support of <u>43</u> Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim <i>and Brief in Support</i> filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Brasher, Andrew) Modified on 2/13/2017 to clean up text. (dmn, ) (Entered: 02/10/2017)
02/28/2017	51	TEXT ORDER granting <u>49</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 2/28/2017. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 02/28/2017)
04/17/2017	<u>52</u>	MOTION to Stay <i>Discovery and Extend Rule 26(f) Deadlines (opposed)</i> , filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 – Plaintiffs First Requests for Production, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 – Deposition Notice 30(b)(6) Office of the Secretary of State, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 – Deposition Notice 30(b)(6) Board of Pardons and Paroles, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4 – Deposition Notice 30(b)(6) Association of the Boards of Registrars)(Davis, James) (Entered: 04/17/2017)
04/20/2017	<u>53</u>	[VACATED PURSUANT TO COURT <u>81</u> ORDER.] ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendants' <u>52</u> Opposed Motion to Stay Discovery and Extend Rule 26(f) Deadlines, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. All discovery obligations and Rule 26(f) deadlines are STAYED until further order of the court. Signed by Chief Judge William



		Keith Watkins on 4/20/2017. (dmn, ) Modified on 12/26/2017 (dmn, ). (Entered: 04/20/2017)
06/13/2017	<u>54</u>	MOTION for Patrick Llewellyn to Withdraw as Attorney <i>for Plaintiffs and Plaintiff Class</i> by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Llewellyn, Patrick) Modified on 6/14/2017 to include name of attorney requesting withdrawal. (dmn, ) (Entered: 06/13/2017)
06/13/2017	55	TEXT ORDER granting <u>54</u> Motion for Patrick Llewellyn to Withdraw as Attorney. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 6/13/17. (NO PDF document attached to this notice). (djj, ) (Entered: 06/13/2017)
06/13/2017		*** Attorney Patrick D Llewellyn terminated pursuant to Court 55 Text Order. (dmn, ) (Entered: 06/14/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>56</u>	MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Exhibits A–G)(Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>57</u>	MOTION To Shorten Time for Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Lang, Danielle) Modified on 7/3/2017 to clean up text. (dmn, ) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
06/30/2017	<u>58</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>57</u> MOTION To Shorten Time for Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction re <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Handbook, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B – Website, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C – Agenda)(Brasher, Andrew) (Entered: 06/30/2017)
06/30/2017		BRIEF in Support of <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (dmn, ) (NO PDF, see Doc. <u>56</u> for pdf.) (Entered: 07/03/2017)
07/03/2017	<u>59</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>57</u> MOTION To Shorten Time for Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction re <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 07/03/2017)
07/05/2017	<u>60</u>	<b>ORDER: Before the court are Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction and <u>57</u> Motion to Expedite Briefing and a Hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction. This Order sets the schedule for the submission of the preliminary injunction motion as further set out in the order. Based upon careful consideration of the full panoply of arguments as to the time frame for addressing the motion for preliminary injunction, it is ORDERED that Plaintiff's <u>57</u> Motion to Shorten the Time on the Preliminary Injunction Motion is GRANTED to the following extent: (1) Defendants shall file a response to Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction on or before 7/21/2017; and (2) A hearing on the Motion for Preliminary Injunction is set for 7/25/2017 at 2:30 PM in CR 2B in Montgomery, AL before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins. It is further ORDERED that, on or before 7/21/2017, Defendants shall disclose to counsel for Plaintiffs a list of all voter applicants previously purged or denied based on convictions for the last two years, see 52 U.S.C. 20507(i), or SHOW CAUSE on or before 7/13/2017, why they should not be required to do so. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 7/5/2017. Copies furnished to calendar group, AR. (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/05/2017)</b>
07/18/2017	<u>61</u>	<b>ORDER: The <u>60</u> Order directing Defendants to file a response to Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction on or before 7/21/2017, is AMENDED as follows: Defendants shall file a response to Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction on or before 7/21/2017, at 3:00 p.m. Additionally, two duplicate sets of</b>

		<b>courtesy copies shall be delivered to chambers on on before 7/21/2017, at 4:00 p.m. The courtesy copies should comply with the requirements set out in 11/17/2016 Order (Doc. 44), with the exception that Defendants are excused from the requirements that the courtesy copies should include the CM/ECF header. The courtesy copies do not have to be printed after filing in CM/ECF. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 7/18/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/18/2017)</b>
07/21/2017	<u>62</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mary Mangan on behalf of John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker (Mangan, Mary) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/21/2017	<u>63</u>	BRIEF/MEMORANDUM in Opposition re <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A–Declaration of Edward Packard, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B–Declaration of Clay Helms, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C–Declaration of Brent Beal, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D–Declaration of Phil Bryant, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E–Declaration of George Noblin, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F–Declaration of Angelique Pugh, # <u>7</u> Exhibit F(12) (CD–being filed conventionally, see Doc. <u>65</u> ), # <u>8</u> Exhibit G–Declaration of James Donald Milligan)(Brasher, Andrew) Modified on 7/25/2017 to create link to Doc. <u>65</u> , Exhibit F (Attachment No. 12), CD filed conventionally. (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/21/2017	<u>64</u>	NOTICE by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer re <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction (Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/21/2017	<u>65</u>	NOTICE OF CONVENTIONAL FILING (EXHIBIT F (Attachment No. 12) on CD) to Defendant's <u>63</u> Opposition to Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction, by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (CD placed in small envelope attached to this document; placed in file in Clerk's office.) (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/24/2017	<u>66</u>	Evidentiary Submission re <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction <i>Hearing on 7/25/2017</i> filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A, # <u>2</u> Exhibit B, # <u>3</u> Exhibit C, # <u>4</u> Exhibit D, # <u>5</u> Exhibit E, # <u>6</u> Exhibit F, # <u>7</u> Exhibit G, # <u>8</u> Exhibit H, # <u>9</u> Exhibit I, # <u>10</u> Exhibit J)(McGuire, Joseph) (Entered: 07/24/2017)
07/25/2017	<u>67</u>	MOTION to Strike <u>66</u> Evidentiary Submission,, by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Mangan, Mary) (Entered: 07/25/2017)
07/25/2017	<u>68</u>	<b>ORDER: An on–the–record hearing on Plaintiffs' <u>56</u> Motion for Preliminary Injunction is set for 7/25/2017 at 02:30 PM in CR 2B in Montgomery, AL before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins. It is ORDERED that all attorneys of record who are appearing for the hearing today shall confer with the court, off the record, at 2:15 PM, in CR 2A of the Frank M. Johnson, Jr. U. S. Courthouse. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 7/25/2017. Copies furnished to calendar group, AR. (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/25/2017)</b>
07/25/2017	<u>69</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins: Motion Hearing held on 7/25/2017 re <u>67</u> MOTION to Strike <u>66</u> Evidentiary Submission filed by State of Alabama, Clifford Walker, John H. Merrill, George Noblin, <u>56</u> MOTION for Preliminary Injunction filed by Melissa Swetnam, Anna Reynolds, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Antwoine Giles, Larry Joe Newby, Jennifer Zimmer, Treva Thompson, Laura Corley, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Mario Dion Yow (PDF available for court use only). (Court Reporter Risa Entekin.) (ajr, ) (Entered: 07/26/2017)
07/28/2017	<u>70</u>	NOTICE by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker ( <i>Notice of Supplemental Information</i> ) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A – Second Declaration of Edward Packard)(Mangan, Mary) (Entered: 07/28/2017)
07/28/2017	<u>71</u>	NOTICE by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer re <u>70</u> Notice (Other) ( <i>Response to Notice of Supplemental Information</i> ) (Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 07/28/2017)

07/28/2017	<u>72</u>	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER:</b> Accordingly, based upon careful consideration of Plaintiffs motion for preliminary injunction, Defendants opposition, the evidentiary hearing, and the oral arguments, and the record, it is <b>ORDERED</b> that the motion (Doc. <u>56</u> ) is <b>DENIED</b> as further set out in the opinion and order. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 7/28/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 07/28/2017)
08/10/2017	<u>73</u>	MOTION to Withdraw as Attorney <i>Mary Mangan</i> by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Mangan, Mary) (Entered: 08/10/2017)
08/11/2017	74	<b>TEXT ORDER</b> granting <u>73</u> Motion for Mary Mangan to Withdraw as Attorney. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 8/11/2017. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 08/11/2017)
09/28/2017	<u>75</u>	<b>ORDER:</b> It is <b>ORDERED</b> that Defendants Motion to Dismiss (Doc. <u>43</u> ), filed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6), is <b>GRANTED</b> in part and <b>DENIED</b> in part, with a memorandum opinion to follow at a later date. The time for Defendants to file a responsive pleading, as set out in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(a)(4), is <b>STAYED</b> until the entry of the memorandum opinion. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 9/28/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 09/28/2017)
10/17/2017	<u>76</u>	MOTION Lift Stay on Discovery Obligations re <u>52</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Discovery and Extend Rule 26(f) Deadlines (opposed)</i> , filed, <u>53</u> Order on Motion to Stay, by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 10/17/2017)
10/17/2017	<u>77</u>	RESPONSE in Opposition re <u>76</u> MOTION Lift Stay on Discovery Obligations re <u>52</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Discovery and Extend Rule 26(f) Deadlines (opposed)</i> , filed, <u>53</u> Order on Motion to Stay, filed by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker. (Davis, James) (Entered: 10/17/2017)
10/18/2017	<u>78</u>	REPLY to Response to Motion re <u>76</u> MOTION Lift Stay on Discovery Obligations re <u>52</u> MOTION to Stay <i>Discovery and Extend Rule 26(f) Deadlines (opposed)</i> , filed, <u>53</u> Order on Motion to Stay, filed by Laura Corley, Antwoine Giles, Greater Birmingham Ministries, Pamela King, Timothy Lanier, Larry Joe Newby, Anna Reynolds, Melissa Swetnam, Treva Thompson, Mario Dion Yow, Jennifer Zimmer. (Lang, Danielle) (Entered: 10/18/2017)
10/19/2017	79	<b>TEXT ORDER:</b> It is <b>ORDERED</b> that Defendants' <u>67</u> Motion to Strike Plaintiffs' Evidentiary Submissions is <b>GRANTED</b> in part and <b>DENIED</b> in part in accordance with the rulings made in open court on 7/25/2107. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 10/19/2017. (dmn, ) (NO PDF) (Entered: 10/19/2017)
12/26/2017	<u>80</u>	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER:</b> To summarize the more-than-nine-thousand words preceding this section in a single thirty-six-word sentence: Plaintiffs challenge to Alabamas constitutional and statutory scheme for the disenfranchisement and re-enfranchisement of individuals convicted of crimes of moral turpitude will proceed, but only on a third of the counts in Plaintiffs fifteen-count complaint. Consistent with the reasoning of this opinion, it is <b>ORDERED</b> as follows: (1) Counts 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15 are <b>DISMISSED</b> with prejudice for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted; and (2) Counts 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 are <b>DISMISSED</b> without prejudice for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. This action proceeds as to five counts: Plaintiffs claims that section 177(b) of the Alabama Constitution is racially discriminatory in violation of the Fourteenth Amendments Equal Protection Clause and the Fifteenth Amendment (Counts 1 and 2); Plaintiffs claim that section 177(b) is an ex post facto law that retroactively punishes citizens (Count 11); Plaintiffs claim that section 177(b) violates the Eighth Amendments proscription against cruel and unusual punishment (Count 12); and Plaintiffs claim that section 15-22-36.1(a)(3) of the Alabama Code violates the Fourteenth Amendments Equal Protection Clause (Count 13). Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 12/26/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 12/26/2017)

12/26/2017	<u>81</u>	<b>ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiffs Motion to Lift Stay on Discovery Obligations (Doc. 76 ), it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Accordingly, the Order (Doc. 53 ) staying all discovery obligations and Rule 26(f) deadlines is VACATED. Defendants are DIRECTED to file their responsive pleading on or before 1/12/2018. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 12/26/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 12/26/2017)</b>
12/26/2017	<u>82</u>	<b>RULE 26(f) ORDER directing the parties to file the Rule 26(f) report containing the proposed discovery plan as further set out in the order. Rule 26 Meeting Report due by 1/19/2018. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 12/26/2017. (dmn, ) (Entered: 12/26/2017)</b>
01/03/2018	<u>83</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Laura Elizabeth Howell on behalf of All Defendants (Howell, Laura) (Main Document 83 replaced on 1/4/2018 with properly formatted pdf only, no text modified.) (dmn, ). Modified on 1/4/2018. (dmn, ) (Entered: 01/03/2018)
01/03/2018	<u>84</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Brad A. Chynoweth on behalf of All Defendants (Chynoweth, Brad) (Entered: 01/03/2018)
01/03/2018	<u>85</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Winfield James Sinclair on behalf of All Defendants (Sinclair, Winfield) (Main Document 85 replaced on 1/4/2018 with properly formatted pdf only, no text modified.) (dmn, ) Modified on 1/4/2018. (dmn, ) (Entered: 01/03/2018)
01/12/2018	<u>86</u>	<b>ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint, by John H. Merrill, George Noblin, State of Alabama, Clifford Walker.(Messick, Misty) (Entered: 01/12/2018)</b>
01/19/2018	<u>87</u>	REPORT of Rule 26(f) Planning Meeting. (Messick, Misty) (Entered: 01/19/2018)
01/29/2018	<u>88</u>	<b>UNIFORM SCHEDULING ORDER: An on-the-record Pretrial Conference is set for 4/8/2019 in Courtroom 2B FMJJ/USCC before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins. Non-Jury Trial set for 5/6/2019 in Montgomery, AL before Chief Judge William Keith Watkins. Amended Pleadings due by the plaintiffs on or before 2/23/2018, and by the defendants on or before 3/9/2018. Discovery due by 12/18/2018. Motions due by 1/15/2019. Mediation Notice due by 12/23/2018. Signed by Chief Judge William Keith Watkins on 1/29/2018. Copies furnished to calendar group, AR. (dmn, ) (Entered: 01/29/2018)</b>