

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

PRESS ROBINSON, EDGAR CAGE,
DOROTHY NAIRNE, EDWIN RENE
SOULE, ALICE WASHINGTON, CLEE
EARNEST LOWE, DAVANTE LEWIS,
MARTHA DAVIS, AMBROSE SIMS,
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
("NAACP") LOUISIANA STATE
CONFERENCE, AND POWER COALITION
FOR EQUITY AND JUSTICE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State for Louisiana.

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00211-SDD-RLB

EDWARD GALMON, SR., CIARA HART,
NORRIS HENDERSON, TRAMELLE
HOWARD,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as
Secretary of State for Louisiana.

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 3:22-cv-00214-SDD-RLB

JOINT EMERGENCY MOTION FOR STATUS CONFERENCE

NOW INTO COURT, come Plaintiffs Press Robinson, Edgar Cage, Dorothy Nairne, Edwin Rene Soule, Alice Washington, Clee Earnest Lowe, Davante Lewis, Martha Davis, Ambrose Sims, NAACP Louisiana State Conference, and Power Coalition for Equity and Justice (the “Robinson Plaintiffs”), and Edward Galmon, Sr., Ciara Hart, Norris Henderson, and Tramelle Howard (the “Galmon Plaintiffs”) to request that this Court set a status conference as soon as possible—and preferably no later than tomorrow—in light of the decision by the Fifth Circuit vacating the remedial hearing set to take place starting October 3, 2023. *See In re Landry*, No. 23-30642 (5th Cir. September 28, 2023).

On September 15, 2023, Defendants filed a petition for writ of mandamus to the Fifth Circuit seeking an order directing this Court to vacate the remedial hearing and instead set a trial date to adjudicate Plaintiffs’ challenge to Louisiana’s congressional districts pursuant to Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. *See generally* ECF No. 1. On September 20, 2023, Robinson Plaintiffs and Galmon Plaintiffs filed separate responses to the petition. Earlier today, a motions panel of the Fifth Circuit, in a split decision, granted the petition in part, vacating the October remedial hearing and stating that “[f]urther scheduling in the case must be done by the district court pursuant to the principles enunciated” by its ruling. *In re Landry*, No. 23-30642, at *10. The Fifth Circuit did not, however, order this court to set a trial date and it confirmed that the preliminary injunction is not moot. *Id.* at *6, FN. 4.

Accordingly, the Robinson and Galmon Plaintiffs respectfully request that the Court schedule a status conference on an expedited basis—preferably as early as this afternoon or tomorrow morning—in order to determine the Court’s availability for a new schedule for remedial proceedings in this case in light of the writ of mandamus.

Date: September 28, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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