

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

**MISSISSIPPI STATE CONFERENCE OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE;
DR. ANDREA WESLEY; DR. JOSEPH
WESLEY; ROBERT EVANS; GARY
FREDERICKS; PAMELA HAMNER;
BARBARA FINN; OTHO BARNES;
SHIRLINDA ROBERTSON; SANDRA
SMITH; DEBORAH HULITT; RODESTA
TUMBLIN; DR. KIA JONES;
MARCELEAN ARRINGTON;
VICTORIA ROBERTSON**

PLAINTIFFS

VS.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:22-cv-734-DPJ-HSO-LHS

**STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS; TATE REEVES, *in his
official capacity as Governor of Mississippi*;
LYNN FITCH, *in her official capacity as
Attorney General of Mississippi*; MICHAEL
WATSON, *in his official capacity as Secretary
of State of Mississippi***

DEFENDANTS

AND

**MISSISSIPPI REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

INTERVENOR DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Defendants State Board of Election Commissioners, Tate Reeves, in his official capacity as Governor of Mississippi, Lynn Fitch, in her official capacity as Attorney General of Mississippi, and Michael Watson, in his official capacity as Secretary of State of Mississippi, hereby appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the entirety of the Final Judgment [ECF #263] entered on

May 7, 2025, in the above-styled and numbered cause. This appeal is taken pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1253 within the time for appeal permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 2101(b).

THIS the 3rd day of July, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

STATE BOARD OF ELECTION
COMMISSIONERS, TATE REEVES, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF
MISSISSIPPI, LYNN FITCH, IN HER OFFICIAL
CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
MISSISSIPPI, AND MICHAEL WATSON, IN HIS
OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS SECRETARY OF
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Rex M. Shannon III, Special Assistant Attorney General and one of the attorneys for the above-named defendants, do hereby certify that I have this date caused to be filed with the Clerk of the Court a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing via the Court's ECF filing system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record, and that I have this date caused to be served, via electronic mail, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing to all counsel of record.

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