

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE , et al.,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

Case No. 4:19-CV-00402-JM

**ASA HUTCHINSON, in his official capacity as
Governor of the State of Arkansas, et al.**

DEFENDANTS.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56, Defendants move for summary judgment.

For the reasons explained in the accompanying brief, *see* Local R. 7.2(a), the undisputed facts demonstrate that Defendants are entitled to judgment as a matter of law. A statement of undisputed material facts also accompanies this motion. *See id.* R. 56.1(a). Additionally, the following exhibits are attached to this motion:

- Exhibit A – Excerpts from the Deposition of Peyton McCrary, Ph.D.
- Exhibit B – Am. Judicature Soc'y, *Judicial Selection in the States – Methods of Judicial Selection* (2021)
- Exhibit C – Revised Declaration of William S. Cooper
- Exhibit D – Excerpts from the Deposition of William S. Cooper
- Exhibit E – Declaration of Dr. Peyton McCrary
- Exhibit F – Expert Report of John R. Alford, Ph.D.
- Exhibit G – Excerpts from the Deposition of John Alford
- Exhibit H – Declaration of William S. Cooper
- Exhibit I – Expert Report of Baodong Liu, Ph.D.
- Exhibit J – Excerpts from the Deposition of Baodong Liu, Ph.D.
- Exhibit K – Jake Bleed & Linda Satter, *Decision on judges hits close to home*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Aug. 5, 2005

- Exhibit L – James Jefferson, *Commission tosses complaint against appeals judge*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Nov. 20, 2004
- Exhibit M – Michael R. Wickline, *High court hopeful sees no problem in voicing his opinion*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 15, 2004
- Exhibit N – Jake Bleed, *Griffen at risk of impeachment*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 3, 2006
- Exhibit O – Debra Hale-Shelton, *In NAACP speech, judge blasts storm response*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, Sept. 11, 2005
- Exhibit P – Seth Blomeley, *Gruber unseats Griffen on court*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 21, 2008
- Exhibit Q – Excerpts from the Deposition of Hon. Marion Humphrey, Sr.
- Exhibit R – Seth Blomeley, *Outspoken judge faces challenger*, Ark. Democrat-Gazette, May 4, 2008

Based on these materials, the Court should grant this motion and enter summary judgment in favor of Defendants.

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Respectfully submitted,

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