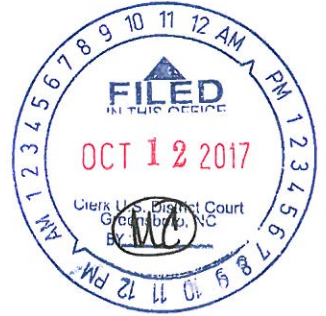


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA



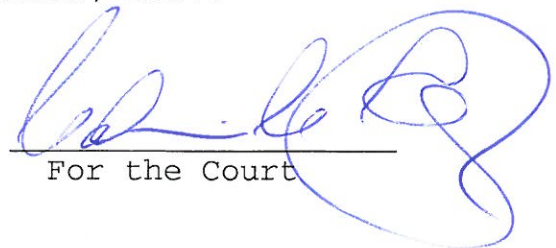
SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, et al.,)
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Plaintiffs,)
v.)
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THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

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ORDER

In order to avoid delay should the Court decide that some or all of plaintiffs' objections should be sustained, the parties are directed to confer and to submit the names of at least three persons the parties agree are qualified to serve as a special master. The names shall be listed in alphabetical order with no indication of the preferences of the parties as between the three suggestions. The list shall be filed no later than October 18, 2017. The parties are not otherwise authorized to file any submissions as to an appropriate special master. If the parties are unable to agree, and should appointment of a special master be necessary or advisable, the Court may select the master without input from the parties.

SO ORDERED, this the 12th day of October, 2017.



For the Court