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Clara Faatz, et al., Appellants vs. John Ashcroft, Missouri Secretary of State, Respondent.

Supreme Court No. SC100277

Oral Argument Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024 **9:00 a.m.**

Dear Counsel:

The above entitled cause has been docketed for oral argument. After examination of the file, the Court believes that the issues in this case may be adequately presented within the following time allowances:

Appellant - Allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for argument; of which a maximum of 3 minutes maybe reserved for rebuttal, in accordance with Rule 84.12. If the time allocated for the principal argument is exceeded, the rebuttal time will be reduced accordingly.

Respondent - Allowed a maximum of 15 minutes for argument.

Multiple attorneys arguing on the same side are obliged upon a division of the maximum time allocated, and are responsible for tracking that division of time accordingly.

The Court will consider suggestions that the allotted time is inadequate. Suggestions should be communicated to the Clerk's Office immediately, and opposing counsel notified.

A copy of the Court's docket for January 24, 2024, and Notice to Counsel are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

BETSY AUBUCHON

Falena L. Vittetoe-Moore
Director Court en banc

Enclosures

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024

9:30 A.M.

SC100219 (ST. LOUIS COUNTY)

TRANSFERRED POST OPINION

(E.D.)

CROWN DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES CORP., ET AL., RESPONDENTS,

CHRISTOPHER OWEN BAUMAN

THOMAS H. LIMBRICK

MARK R. SANDERS

Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C.

VS.

JAKE ZIMMERMAN, ASSESSOR, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, APPELLANT.

JEREMY D. SHOOK

ROBERT F. MURRAY

Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, LLP

SC100369 (ST. LOUIS COUNTY)

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JESSICA MONIQUE JEAN CARTER, CHRISTOPHER LAMONT ROBBINS,

TYRELL WELCH, GENNISE MACKEY, AND TORON MITCHELL, RELATORS,

BRENDAN KOTTENSTETTE

Missouri State Public Defender

VS.

THE HONORABLE CATHERINE DIERKER, RESPONDENT.

GREGORY M. GOODWIN

Office of Missouri Attorney General.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

9:00 A.M.

**SC100277 (COLE COUNTY)
CIVIL APPEAL CIRCUIT**

CLARA FAATZ, ET AL., APPELLANTS,

CHARLES WILLIAM HATFIELD

ALIXANDRA COSSETTE

ALEXANDER CLARK BARRETT

GUNNER TATE JOHANSON

Stinson LLP

VS.

JOHN ASHCROFT, MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE, RESPONDENT.

JASON K. LEWIS

MARIA ANN LANAHAN

Office of Missouri Attorney General

NOTICE TO COUNSEL

The start time of oral arguments is listed in the attached docket and letter you received from the Court. **Counsel arguing before the Court must check in with the Deputy Clerk in the courtroom no later than 15 minutes prior to the start time of oral arguments.**

It is a tradition for attorneys who are arguing before this Court for the first time to be introduced briefly by an attorney who previously has argued before this Court. If possible, arrange to have another attorney who will be present to introduce you. Otherwise, please call the Clerk's office at (573) 751-4144 to arrange for your introduction.

If a party wishes to use a visual exhibit during oral argument whether demonstrative or part of the record, the use of such must be approved by the Clerk prior to oral argument.

Counsel will be advised in advance of the time allotted for argument. The time allowed for argument includes the time for questions from the Court. The appellant may divide the time between an opening and a rebuttal argument, but no more than one-fourth of the time allowed shall be reserved for rebuttal.

Cross-appeals shall be treated as one cause unless the Court otherwise directs. The plaintiff in the trial court shall have the time allowed to the appellant, and the defendant in the trial court shall have the time allowed to the respondent.

A timing device is mounted on the lectern. The GREEN light indicates argument is to commence. The YELLOW light appears when three (3) minutes remain. Counsel must stop when the RED light appears unless judges want to ask additional questions.

Divided arguments are not favored unless distinct interests are involved. The Court will not keep time for counsel sharing the argument.

Oral arguments are recorded on sound recording equipment for the use of the Court.

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Honorable W. Brent Powell

Honorable Zel M. Fischer

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To: Attorney of Record arguing before the Supreme Court of Missouri

Re: Broadcast coverage of oral arguments

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The live audio link for Supreme Court oral arguments is available from the “LIVE Audio Streaming” button at <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=1975>. Archives of each day’s arguments will be made available on that day’s “cases scheduled” page, also available from <https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=1975>.

Other media may make a request to photograph or make a video or audio recording of these arguments, and this letter serves as notification of such requests pursuant to Court Operating Rule 16.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by e-mail at bpmissourinet@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Bob Priddy

Media Coordinator, Supreme Court of Missouri

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