

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
NO. 1:15-CV-00399

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

DEPOSITION OF CLAUDE DORSEY HARRIS

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1 Carolina NAACP and the League of Women Voters in
2 North Carolina. Do you see that?

3 A. Uh-huh.

4 Q. And it says, "The League of Women Voters
5 of Northeastern North Carolina, a member-at-large
6 league, i.e., a local league chapter that is trying
7 to be formally recognized but is not currently
8 recognized as an actual local league chapter and
9 which does not have voting rights." Is that
10 correct?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. Do you know if the member-at-large league
13 is on its way to becoming recognized?

14 A. Yes. We were recognized by the State as
15 an actual league but the national has not
16 recognized us yet.

17 Q. Okay.

18 A. So we were trying to become a chapter.
19 But whether we are a chapter or we remain a MIL, we
20 still are nonpartisan.

21 Q. Okay. I believe you answered this but
22 refresh my memory. When did you join the League of
23 Women Voters?

24 A. In the spring of 2014, I and several
25 people met and formed this chapter in northeastern

1 North Carolina. The reason that we formed the
2 chapter was because we wanted to empower people
3 with better knowledge of politics and we wanted
4 them to be aware of what is happening in the
5 political world, and so we formed the chapter.
6 That's when. It was around 2014 that we formed the
7 MIL, the member-at-large.

8 Q. Okay. Before that, were you a member of
9 the parent League of Women Voters of North
10 Carolina?

11 A. No.

12 Q. So your first involvement was --

13 A. Yeah. I was going to join the state
14 league as an at-large member or maybe the league in
15 Dare County, the Outer Banks, and I didn't. We
16 just formed one. There were several people who
17 were interested in forming one.

18 Q. All right. And for the NAACP, do you
19 remember when you joined them?

20 A. It was about 2014.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I went to a church where the Reverend
23 Barbour was a speaker and I joined then.

24 Q. Reverend William Barbour?

25 A. Yeah.