

**RELATORS  
PEOPLE NOT  
POLITICIANS, Et Al.  
PETITION FOR  
PROHIBITION  
EXHIBIT 10**

1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MISSOURI  
2 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DIVISION II  
3 HONORABLE DANIEL R. GREEN, JUDGE

4 PEOPLE NOT POLITICIANS, et al., )  
5 )  
6 Plaintiffs, )  
7 )  
8 vs. ) 25AC-CC07128  
9 )  
10 MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE, )  
11 )  
12 Respondent. )

13 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

14 On November 13, 2025, the above-entitled cause  
15 came on regularly before the Honorable Daniel R. Green,  
16 Judge of Division II of the 19th Judicial Circuit, Cole  
17 County, at Jefferson City, Missouri.

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19 Mindy S. Hunt, Certified Court Reporter  
20 Official Court Reporter, 19th Judicial Circuit  
21 Cole County, Missouri

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 THE COURT: We'll go on the record in  
3 25AC-CC07128, it's styled People Not Politicians v Hoskins.  
4 Best thing I think we can do is if you guys will just  
5 identify yourselves and which party you represent.

6 MR. HATFIELD: Morning, your Honor. Chuck  
7 Hatfield and Alix Cossette with the Stinson Law Firm for  
8 the plaintiffs, People Not Politicians and Richard Von  
9 Glahn.

10 MS. BRYANT: Jacqueline Bryant and Ryan Hart for  
11 the Secretary of State.

12 MR. MILLER: Graham Miller on behalf of the  
13 Secretary of State, your Honor.

14 MR. ELLINGER: Marc Ellinger and Stephanie Bell  
15 on behalf of Intervenors, Put Missouri First.

16 THE COURT: Okay. As a preliminary matter, the  
17 Court notes that Mr. Ellinger's clients ask leave to  
18 intervene.

19 For the record any objection?

20 MR. HATFIELD: Yes, Judge. I advised you in  
21 chambers that I thought this would be a perfunctory matter.

22 Mr. Ellinger has since advised me that he wants to seek  
23 discovery in this case. This case was set for trial  
24 earlier. It was rescheduled into today. The Attorney  
25 General's Office and the Secretary of State have been great

1 about preparing this case for trial. We have joint  
 2 stipulations that I understand Mr. Ellinger is not prepared  
 3 to agree to today and we object to intervention.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Ellinger?

5 MR. ELLINGER: Thank you, Judge. With respect  
 6 to intervention, rules on intervention are clear,  
 7 intervention is a matter of right. My client is a properly  
 8 formed and created political action committee in the State  
 9 of Missouri. He's engaged and opposed of the ballot  
 10 measure and the two new referendum petitions that are being  
 11 circulated. They have an interest in the underlying  
 12 matters of this. They are not yet adequately represented  
 13 by any other party. We seek intervention.

14 Political party -- excuse political action  
 15 committees have received intervention on a number of  
 16 occasions in these types of matters. We cited those in our  
 17 motion to intervene. I'm happy to go through and cite them  
 18 all again if you'd like, or I can provide you with a  
 19 physical copy of the motion to intervene, if it makes it  
 20 easier. It is normal for opponents to be allowed to get  
 21 into these cases. The same way it's normal if an opponent  
 22 brings an action for the proponents to get into the cases.

23 Mr. Hatfield is correct, we do think that  
 24 there's some discovery involved in this case. There's no  
 25 urgency in getting a resolution on this case. The relief

1 that's requested has to do with a possible future  
 2 contingent event, that being that signatures might be  
 3 submitted to the Secretary of State's Office, and they  
 4 might be rejected when they are submitted. And as a  
 5 result, there's no urgency in getting this thing done  
 6 today. We're entitled to intervention as a matter of  
 7 right. We also should be granted permissive intervention  
 8 if you don't believe, but we believe we have intervention  
 9 as a matter of right.

10 We're certainly happy to expedite the case and  
 11 work out a mutual schedule to do that. We think we should  
 12 get some very limited -- I have to say that -- discovery,  
 13 and I think the discovery goes to standing issues in this  
 14 case and whether there's a ripe controversy or not.

15 So for those reasons, we asked to be allowed to  
 16 intervene.

17 THE COURT: Okay. Here's what I'm going to do.  
 18 I'm going to grant him his leave to intervene.

19 Mr. Hatfield, are the plaintiffs ready to  
 20 proceed?

21 MR. HATFIELD: We are, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Ma'am, on behalf of the Secretary,  
 23 are you ready to proceed?

24 MR. MILLER: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Ellinger?

1 MR. ELLINGER: Judge, I would object to the  
2 hearing proceeding right now on the basis that we're  
3 entitled to a certain amount of discovery. And would ask  
4 you to rule on that verbal motion now.

5 THE COURT: Verbal motion to continue the case?

6 MR. ELLINGER: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to take that under  
8 advisement. We're going to have a hearing today. And at  
9 the conclusion of that evidence, if you think you need more  
10 time to assemble your case, we might talk about continuing  
11 the hearing for the intervenor's part of the case, but  
12 we'll see what happens.

13 MR. ELLINGER: Can I approach, Judge?

14 THE COURT: Sure.

15 MR. ELLINGER: And in that event, we seek a  
16 change of judge pursuant to the rule.

17 THE COURT: I'm not sure you're allowed since we  
18 just started the hearing.

19 MR. ELLINGER: We haven't actually convened the  
20 official hearing. We went on preliminary matters as was  
21 requested.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Judge Stumpe, you want to  
23 come up here and hear this case?

24 JUDGE STUMPE: Let me find a judge, your Honor.

25 MR. HATFIELD: Judge, the case is open. And the



1 case law and this is -- and the Court of Appeals has said  
 2 this, that once you have the matter under advisement, your  
 3 Honor can continue to sit even though there's a change of  
 4 judge application.

5 THE COURT: I think you're probably right, but  
 6 we got five other judges in this courtroom -- or in this  
 7 deal. I'll show the application for change of judge  
 8 sustained. I'll need to think about who would be available  
 9 on a -- we can go off the record.

10 (OFF THE RECORD.)

11 THE COURT: Okay. Anything else for the record?

12 MR. HATFIELD: Your Honor, as we said,

13 Plaintiffs are ready to proceed.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Record will reflect that. I  
 15 guess, just for the record, does the Secretary of State  
 16 have any comments on what's been going on?

17 MR. MILLER: No, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Let's go off the  
 19 record.

20 (OFF THE RECORD.)

21 MR. HATFIELD: I just want to make something  
 22 real clear in light of what's happened.

23 THE COURT: Okay.

24 MR. HATFIELD: There are stipulations that were  
 25 filed with the Court. They are in Case Net. They include



1 statements from the Secretary of State, joint stipulated  
 2 exhibits, I believe 14 and 15, that my clients are  
 3 committing a crime by circulating petitions right now.  
 4 That my -- that people are signing this petition, and if  
 5 they're signing a petition today and they already signed it  
 6 five weeks ago when the Secretary of State improperly  
 7 rejected it, that they are committing crimes. They need a  
 8 declaration about whether any of that is true, and they  
 9 need it now.

10 They have to gather over 100,000 signatures  
 11 between now and December 11th, and they need to know  
 12 whether they are violating the law or not. And the  
 13 Declaratory Judgment Act gives them a right to come to  
 14 court and get that declaration. So that's why I want to go  
 15 to trial today.

16 I have received no discovery. Mr. Ellinger told  
 17 me yesterday that he was going to move to intervene. He  
 18 prepared a motion, he prepared an affidavit, he filed it.  
 19 He didn't send me any discovery. I still don't have any  
 20 sitting here right now, so I don't know why we need any  
 21 discovery that hasn't already been served on us. We're  
 22 ready to go. And we can go right now if we can get another  
 23 judge in here. We've got stipulations. We can try the  
 24 case.

25 THE COURT: We'll try to find you one and hear

1 the case next week. Tuesday or Wednesday, Thursday is that  
2 what we're talking about?

3 MR. ELLINGER: Any day next week another judge  
4 can be available. Any time Wednesday or Thursday.  
5 Probably do Tuesday if we have to.

6 THE COURT: I'll do my best.

7 MR. HATFIELD: I noticed Judge Stumpe left the  
8 room.

9 THE COURT: I know he did rather quickly.  
10 Okay. I'll do my best to try to find you  
11 somebody. If you guys want to stick around, we can look.

12 MR. HATFIELD: We'll stick around, Judge.

13 (OFF THE RECORD.)

14 (HEARING WAS CONCLUDED.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

I, Mindy S. Hunt, Certified Court Reporter,  
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