

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
No. 142, Original

STATE OF FLORIDA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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V.)
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STATE OF GEORGIA,)
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Defendants.)

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE before SPECIAL MASTER
RALPH I. LANCASTER, held at the law offices of Pierce
Atwood, LLP, at Merrill's Wharf, 254 Commercial Street,
Portland, Maine, on July 26, 2016, commencing at
9:30 a.m., before Claudette G. Mason, RMR, CRR, a
Notary Public in and for the State of Maine.

APPEARANCES:
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JONATHAN L. WILLIAMS, ESQ.
For the State of Georgia: CRAIG S. PRIMIS, ESQ.
RYAN TEAGUE, ESQ.
BRITT GRANT, ESQ.
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For the U.S.A.: MICHAEL T. GRAY, ESQ.
Also Present: JOSHUA D. DUNLAP, ESQ.
MARY CLIFFORD

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1 This is Michael Gray for the United States.
2 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Well, thank
3 you, counsel, for being willing to take this
4 call on a relatively short notice.
5 Let me begin by telling you something
6 that is not the reason for the call. A
7 reporter from the *Atlanta Journal* called here
8 yesterday saying he's going to do a piece on
9 this firm's fees. I don't know whether he
10 called you or not, but I thought I would give
11 you a heads-up just in case he hasn't called
12 you.
13 You know, I think, how I feel about the
14 media generally. And I would suggest that
15 you be careful if he calls you because he or
16 someone in his staff may attribute things to
17 you that you didn't say or may misquote you.
18 Now, let me turn to the reason for the
19 call. And let me begin by saying that you do
20 not have to say anything today. There will
21 be a CMO going out shortly giving you a few
22 days to respond to it.
23 The reason for the call is that,
24 incredibly enough, we have learned that the
25 D.C. Court cannot provide staffing for us. I
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1 PROCEEDINGS
2 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Good morning,
3 counsel.
4 MS. GRANT: Good morning, your Honor.
5 MR. PERRY: Good morning, your Honor.
6 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Josh, Mary,
7 and Claudette are here with me.
8 We'll start, as we always do, by
9 entering appearances. Florida?
10 MR. PERRY: Your Honor, this is Phil
11 Perry for Florida. And with me on the phone
12 are Abid Qureshi, and then Jonathan Williams
13 from the Florida Solicitor General's Office.
14 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you.
15 Georgia?
16 MR. PRIMIS: Your Honor, this is Craig
17 Primis from Kirkland & Ellis for the State of
18 Georgia. With me on the phone are Ryan
19 Teague, executive counsel to Governor Nathan
20 Deal; and Britt Grant, the Solicitor General
21 of Georgia; and Sarah Warren, the Deputy
22 Solicitor General.
23 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: United
24 States?
25 MR. GRAY: Good morning, your Honor.
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1 found that hard to believe, but it's true.
2 And so the CMO will tell you that I am moving
3 the matter to Portland. It will still start
4 on the 31st; and it will be located,
5 appropriately enough, in the bankruptcy
6 court.
7 As I said, you do not have to respond
8 now. If you want to say anything about it,
9 you may; but you do not have to. The CMO
10 will give you a short period of time in which
11 to comment or object.
12 So let me ask, Mr. Perry, do you have
13 any comments that you wish to make at this
14 time?
15 MR. PERRY: Not at this point, your
16 Honor.
17 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Mr. Primis?
18 MR. PRIMIS: Same, your Honor.
19 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Mr. Gray?
20 MR. GRAY: Same, your Honor.
21 SPECIAL MASTER LANCASTER: Thank you.
22 You will shortly receive the CMO, and it
23 will give you time within which to respond.
24 We are adjourned.
25 MR. PERRY: Thank you, your Honor.
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1 MR. PRIMIS: Thank you.
 2 (The telephone conference was concluded
 3 at 9:34 a.m.)
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1 CERTIFICATE
 2 I, Claudette G. Mason, a Notary Public
 3 in and for the State of Maine, hereby certify
 4 that the foregoing 5 pages are a correct
 5 transcript of my stenographic notes of the
 6 above-captioned proceedings.
 7 I further certify that I am a
 8 disinterested person in the event or outcome
 9 of the above-named cause of action.
 10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I subscribe my hand
 11 this 26th day of July, 2016.

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