

IN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPREME COURT

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IN THE MATTER OF  
THE CONSTITUTIONALITY  
OF NCA 24-077,

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Case No.: SC-2024-05

(District Court Case No.: CV-2024-122)

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ORDER SETTING ORAL ARGUMENT

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, in accordance with Title 27, Appendix 2, Rule 28 (H) and Rule 19 [as amended by Administrative Order 2023-08], the above-captioned appeal is set for oral argument on **Friday, January 10, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CST**. Oral argument will be conducted via Zoom video conference. The Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court will provide all necessary Zoom meeting ID numbers to the email address on record for the lead counsel of each party prior to the Virtual Meeting described below. Only counsel of record and named parties (or their official representative) shall be authorize to participate in the Zoom oral argument. No other groups or individuals shall be in any room where authorized individuals are participating in the Zoom oral argument. Further, counsel, parties, and/or their representatives are advised that they shall not disseminate Zoom meeting ID numbers to any other groups or individuals.<sup>1</sup> The Court will live-stream the January 10, 2025, oral argument on the Court’s Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/muscogee creek nations supreme court>), and the video will remain on the page for the general public to view until close of business on January 10, 2025. Please ensure that your lead counsel’s contact information is up to date with the Office of the Supreme Court Clerk if that information has recently changed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel for each party shall attend a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CST**, to test the parties’ video conferencing

<sup>1</sup> Failure to adhere to this (or any other) rule of the Court will result in a finding of contempt of court, including possible fine and/or jail time.

software. All counsel participating in oral argument shall be required to participate in this virtual meeting. Each counsel should complete the following steps prior to the virtual meeting:

1. Install Zoom for free.
  - a. For smartphones or tablets, search for Zoom in the Play Store or App Store and download the app.
  - b. For desktop or laptop computers, please visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and move to the next step. (you will be prompted to download the Zoom software during your account setup, described below)
2. Create a Zoom Account
  - a. Visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and select the “Sign Up, It’s Free” option. Follow the on-screen prompts and create your new account. You will need to enter a valid email address and create a password that complies with Zoom’s password requirements. Once your account is created you will be prompted to complete a test video conference. This is a great opportunity to ensure that the video and audio equipment installed on your desktop, laptop, smartphone, or tablet are functioning properly.
3. Join the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument Video Conference on the Date/Time Scheduled
  - a. Open the Zoom software on your desktop, laptop, smartphone or tablet.
  - b. Log into your Zoom account using your email address and password (created above).
  - c. Select the “Join” icon.
  - d. Enter the meeting ID number that will be provided by the Court.

### **TIPS**

Verify that your internet connection is sufficient prior to the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument. If using WI/FI, it may be beneficial to remain near the WI/FI hotspot and to ensure that all other non-essential programs are shut down.

Verify your video camera and microphone are functioning properly prior to the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument. Using a headset will generally produce the best audio quality.

Position your camera so that you are centered in the camera's field of vision and ensure that your background is not distracting. Please do not position your camera to view an entire room/conference room. Each participant should be centered in their own camera's field of vision (one camera per speaker).

Attempt to join the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument from a quiet location, free from background noise.

Ensure that your line is on mute unless you are speaking.

Set your Zoom software to "gallery view" mode. A countdown clock will be shown on camera during oral argument. No verbal time cues will be given. If you are not in "gallery view" mode you will not see the countdown clock.

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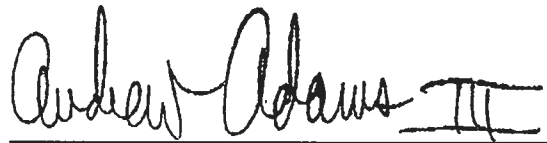
You are participating in a court hearing. Please dress and utilize the same general decorum that would be expected in an in-person setting. Participants shall remain silent until invited to speak to the Court.

All audio or video recording, photographs, and/or reproductions of the Virtual Meeting and Oral Argument are strictly prohibited.

The Oral Argument will follow the structure outlined in M(C)NCA Title 27, App. 2, Rule 19 [as amended by Administrative Order 2023-08].

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, absent extraordinary cause shown, the Court will decline to consider any request for continuance of the virtual meeting or oral argument in this matter filed after **5:00 p.m., CST, on Friday, November 22, 2024.**

**FILED AND ENTERED:** November 8, 2024

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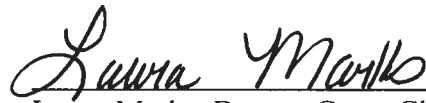
Andrew Adams III  
Chief Justice

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<sup>2</sup> See Footnote 1, concerning failure to adhere to rules of Court.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on November 8, 2024, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order Setting Oral Argument* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Damario Solomon-Simmons, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Ste. 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggs, 502 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74119; Jana L. Knott, 252 NW 70<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116; Speaker Randall Hicks, and Kyle Haskins, MCN National Council, P.O. Box 158, Okmulgee, OK 74447; O. Joseph Williams, The McCulloch Building, 114 N. Grand Ave., Suite 520, P.O. Box 1131, Okmulgee, OK 7444; Rod W. Wiemer, 114 N. Grand, Suite 200, Okmulgee, OK 74447. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the Office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court Clerk.



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Laura Marks, Deputy Court Clerk