

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
CENTRAL DIVISION**

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE,
PATRICIA BREWER, CAROLYN BRIGGS,
LYNETTE BROWN, MABLE BYNUM, and
VELMA SMITH on behalf of themselves and all
other similarly situated persons,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN THURSTON, in his official capacity as the
Secretary of State of Arkansas,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION

Case No. 4:23-cv-00471-DPM-DRS-JM

THREE-JUDGE PANEL

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court’s Amended Final Scheduling Order (ECF No. 50), Plaintiffs The Christian Ministerial Alliance, Patricia Brewer, Carolyn Briggs, Lynnette Brown, Mable Bynum, and Velma Smith (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendant John Thurston, in his official capacity as the Secretary of State of Arkansas, respectfully report on the status of this case as follows:

1. This matter is currently scheduled for a bench trial the week of March 24, 2025, and the parties anticipate that the trial will take eight to ten days.
2. Fact discovery is complete.
3. Expert discovery is scheduled to be completed by September 30, 2024.
4. The deadline for the parties to file dispositive and *Daubert* motions is October 14, 2024.
5. The parties have not engaged in any settlement discussions.

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ATTESTATION

I hereby attest that all signatories listed, and on whose behalf this filing is submitted, concur in its content and have authorized its filing.

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