

**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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 v.)
)
 THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,)
 et al.,)
)
 Defendants.)

**DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO
STAY, DEFER, OR ABSTAIN**

Defendants move this Court to Stay, Defer, or Abstain from further proceedings in this action because parallel litigation involving the same claims and issues raised in Plaintiffs’ First Amended Complaint is currently pending before the North Carolina Supreme Court.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated in Defendants’ contemporaneously filed Memorandum of Law, Defendants respectfully request that the Court enter an order staying, deferring, or abstaining from further proceedings in this matter until the conclusion of the parallel litigation described in Defendants’ Memorandum of Law.

This the 9th day of November, 2015.

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