

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

THE ARKANSAS STATE CONFERENCE NAACP, *et al.*,

PLAINTIFFS,

v.

Case No. 4:21-cv-01239-LPR

THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT, *et al.*

DEFENDANTS.

MOTION TO QUASH ELEVENTH-HOUR SUBPOENAS AND FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, and for the reasons explained in the accompanying brief, Defendants move for an order quashing subpoenas issued to Kevin Niehaus (Ex. 1) and Andres Rhodes (Ex. 2).

Due to the extremely time-sensitive nature of this motion, Defendants respectfully request that the Court take up the issue at the February 1, 2022 hearing, as it indicated it would in informal email communications with the parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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| <i>Defendant</i> |) | |

**SUBPOENA TO APPEAR AND TESTIFY
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To: Kevin Niehaus

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear in the United States district court at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a hearing or trial in this civil action. When you arrive, you must remain at the court until the judge or a court officer allows you to leave.

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| Place: 500 West Capitol Avenue Little Rock, AR 72201 | Courtroom No.: 1D |
| | Date and Time: 02/02/2022 9:00 am |

You must also bring with you the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects *(leave blank if not applicable)*:

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 01/31/2022

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

/s/ Bryan L. Sells
Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing *(name of party)* Plaintiffs

ARKANSAS STATE CONFERENCE NAACP et al, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:
Bryan L. Sells, THE LAW OFFICES OF BRYAN L. SELLS, LLC, Post Office Box 5493, Atlanta, GA 31107-0493,
bryan@bryansellsllaw.com, 404-480-4212

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

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I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
on *(date)* _____ .

I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named person as follows: _____
_____ on *(date)* _____ ; or

I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____
_____ .

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also
tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of
\$ _____ .

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ _____ 0.00 .

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____
_____ *Server's signature*

_____ *Printed name and title*

_____ *Server's address*

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

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Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
 - (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
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 - (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.
- (B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:
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- (ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
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(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

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(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

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Dylan Jacobs

From: Asher Steinberg
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Jennifer Merritt; Nicholas Bronni; Dylan Jacobs; Michael Mosley
Subject: New subpoenas
Attachments: Niehaus Subpoena (signed).pdf; Rhodes Subpoena (signed).pdf

From: Bryan Sells <bryan@bryansellslaw.com>
Sent: Monday, January 31, 2022 2:02:23 PM
To: Asher Steinberg <asher.steinberg@arkansasag.gov>
Cc: Gary Sullivan <Gary@acluarkansas.org>
Subject: ArkRed - additional subpoenas

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Asher -

Attached are two additional staff subpoenas. Please confirm that you will accept service.

Note that we have put a Wednesday return date on these. We are nonetheless willing to work with the witnesses regarding their availability. There's a good chance that we would not get to them until Thursday, given some of the shuffling that we may need to do in order to accommodate your side's requests to take witnesses out of order.

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