

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**
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United States Circuit Judge

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September 23, 2015

Re: Personhuballah, et al. v. Alcorn, et al.
Civil Action No. 3:13cv678

Dear Counsel:

The Court has selected Dr. Bernard Grofman to be appointed special master to assist and advise the Court on the redistricting remedy. The Court expects that Dr. Grofman will review the redistricting plans and briefs submitted in response to the Court's orders and recommend to the Court whether to accept a proposed plan, or a modified version of one, that remedies the deficiencies identified in the Court's June 5, 2015 opinion.

Accordingly, the Court directs counsel for the parties to confer on a draft order that, among other things, appoints Dr. Grofman as Special Master, establishes his fee, defines the scope of Dr. Grofman's responsibilities, and recommends a timeline for accomplishing the same. The proposed order should incorporate a process by which parties and non-parties can file objections to any plan proposed by Dr. Grofman. Following submission of Dr. Grofman's proposed plan and any objections to

the same, the Court will determine whether a further hearing is necessary.

The parties shall file their proposed order on or before September 28, 2015.

For the Court,

Albert Diaz
U.S. Circuit Judge