

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NO. 1:15-cv-00399**

SANDRA LITTLE COVINGTON, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, *et al.*,

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO  
EXCLUDE EXPERT TESTIMONY  
BY SEAN TRENDE**

NOW COME Plaintiffs by and through their undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Local Rule 7.3 and Federal Rule of Evidence 702, move the Court to exclude any expert testimony by Sean Trende at trial in this case. For the reasons described in Plaintiffs' supporting brief, which is being filed contemporaneously with this motion, Mr. Trende's testimony and report should be excluded. Mr. Trende is not qualified to provide expert testimony to the court, and his testimony and report would not be helpful to the court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request the Court exclude Sean P. Trende from offering any testimony at trial and prohibit Defendants from offering his report or declaration at trial.

Respectfully submitted, this the 21st day of March, 2016.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this date I have electronically filed the foregoing **PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO EXCLUDE EXPERT TESTIMONY BY SEAN TRENDE** with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will provide electronic notification of the same to the following:

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