

EXHIBIT 1

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

LAKEISHA CHESTNUT, et al.	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	Case No. 2:18-cv-00907-JEO
v.	)	
	)	
JOHN H. MERRILL, in his official	)	
Capacity as Alabama Secretary of State	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**STATEMENT OF ARIA BRANCH IN SUPPORT  
OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE***

Aria Branch declares under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. My residence address is 3621 Jamison Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20018.

2. My office address, telephone number, facsimile number and email address are as follows:

Aria Branch  
PERKINS COIE, LLP  
700 13<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Suite 600  
Washington, D.C. 20005-3960  
Phone: (202) 654-6338  
Fax: (202) 654-9106  
ABranch@perkinscoie.com

3. The courts to which I am admitted to practice and the dates of admission are as follows:

<b>Court</b>	<b>Date of Admission</b>
U.S. District Court Eastern District of Virginia	4/3/2015
Supreme Court of Virginia	12/5/2012
U.S. District Court Western District of Wisconsin	9/14/2015

4. I am in good standing and eligible to practice in all courts to which I am admitted.

5. The local member of the bar of this Court who will also represent the Plaintiffs, in this matter, with whom opposing counsel and the Court may readily communicate regarding the conduct of the matter and on whom papers may be served, is:

Richard Rouco  
Quinn, Connor, Weaver, Davies & Rouco LLP  
Two North 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 930  
Birmingham, AL 35203  
(205) 870-9989  
(205) 803-4143 (FAX)  
[rrouco@qcwdr.com](mailto:rrouco@qcwdr.com)

6. I have read and understand:

- (a) The local rules applicable in this District;
- (b) The Alabama State Bar Code of Professional Courtesy and the Lawyer's Creed, accessed at:

<https://www.alabar.org/membership/code-of-professional-courtesy/>, <https://www.alabar.org/membership/lawyers-creed/>; and

(c) This court's CM/ECF requirements.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

*s/ Aria Branch*  
Aria Branch

Dated: June 14, 2018