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### **Additional Case Information**

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Trial Judge: Jane Magnus-Stinson , District Court Judge

Judgement Date: 10/25/2023 Date NOA Filed: 11/22/2023

# **Proceedings**

Date	#	Proceeding Text	Details
11/22/2023		Private civil case docketed. Fee paid. Docketing statement filed. Transcript information sheet due by 12/06/2023. Appellant's brief due on or before 01/02/2024 for Satanic Temple, Inc. [1] [7349669] [23-3247] (CG)	
11/28/2023	2	ORDER: The appellant shall file a complete statement of jurisdiction that includes the omitted information. The statement is due on or before December 5, 2023. (See order for details). DW [2] [7350184] [23-3247] (AP)	
11/28/2023		Amended Docketing Jurisdictional Statement filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [3] [7350194] [23-3247][Edited 12/07/2023 by MAN to reflect correct document title] (Mac	

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		Naughton, William)	
11/29/2023	4	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney James A. Barta for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [4] [7350588] (L-Yes; E-Yes; R-Yes) [23-3247][Edited 11/29/2023 by PS - to reflect the termination and addition of counsel.] (Barta, James)	
11/29/2023		Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Melinda R. Holmes for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [5] [7350590] (L-No; E-Yes; R-No) [23-3247][Edited 11/29/2023 by PS - to reflect the addition of counsel.] (Hudson, Melinda)	
11/29/2023	6	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Katelyn E. Doering for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [6] [7350592] (L-No; E-Yes; R-No) [23-3247][Edited 11/29/2023 by PS - to reflect the addition of counsel.] (Doering, Katelyn)	
12/07/2023	7	Motion filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. to extend time to file Brief of Plaintiff- Appellant. [7] [7352212] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
12/08/2023		Order issued GRANTING motion to extend time to file appellant's brief Appellant's brief due on or before 01/30/2024 for Satanic Temple, Inc Appellees' brief due on or before 02/29/2024 for Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. Appellant's reply brief, if any, is due on or before 03/21/2024 for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. CDH [8] [7352397] [23-3247][Edited 02/01/2024 by AP- updated text and form to reflect correct deadlines] (AP)	
01/29/2024	9	Submitted appellant brief by W. James Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [9] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7361339] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
01/29/2024	10	Brief deficiency letter sent to Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [10] [7361419] [23- 3247] (EF)	
01/29/2024	11	Re-Submitted appellant brief by W. James Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [11] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public.	

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		[7361450] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
01/29/2024	12	Appellant's brief filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc Paper copies due on 02/05/2024. REMINDER: If a case is designated to proceed to oral argument, hearing notices will be mailed shortly before the date of oral argument. Please note that counsel's unavailability for oral argument must be submitted by letter, filed electronically with the Clerk's Office, no later than the filing of the appellant's brief in a criminal case and the filing of an appellee's brief in a civil case. See Cir. R. 34(b)(3). The court's calendar is located at https://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/cal/argcalendar.pdf. Once scheduled, oral argument is rescheduled only in extraordinary circumstances. See Cir. R. 34(b)(4), (e). [12] [7361579] [23-3247] (EF)	
01/29/2024	13	Filed Appendix by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [13] [7361580] Paper copies due on 02/05/2024 [23-3247] (EF)	
02/05/2024	14	Paper copies of appellant brief and appendix filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [14] [7362546] [23-3247] (KRA)	
02/08/2024	15	ORDER: Appellant shall file a paper captioned Amended Jurisdictional Statement no later than February 15, 2024 that provides the omitted information noted above and otherwise complies with all the requirements Circuit Rule 28(a). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk DISTRIBUTE, along with the briefs in this appeal, copies of this order and appellants Amended Jurisdictional Statement to the assigned merits panel. (See order for details) DW [15] [7363493] [23-3247] (AP)	
02/13/2024	16	Joint motion filed by Appellees Ryan Mears, Todd Rokita and Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. to extend time to file appellee brief., to extend time to file appellant's reply brief. [16] [7364270] [23-3247] (Barta, James)	
02/14/2024	17	ORDER issued GRANTING joint motion for extension of time. Appellees' brief due on or before 04/29/2024 for Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. Appellant's reply brief, if any, is due on or before 06/10/2024 for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. CDH [17] [7364559] [23-3247] (PS)	
02/16/2024	18	Motion filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. to file Amended Jurisdictional Statement out of time. [18] [7364989] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
02/16/2024	19	ORDER re: Motion to extend time to file	

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		amended jurisdictional statement. IT IS ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The appellant shall file its amended jurisdictional statement by February 20, 2024. CDH [19] [7365055] [23-3247] (AP)	
02/16/2024	20	Amended Jurisdictional Statement filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [20] [7365061] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
03/25/2024		Motion filed by Attorney Melinda R. Holmes to withdraw as counsel for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [21] [7372074] [23-3247][Edited 03/25/2024 by CG to reflect attorney filer.] (Hudson, Melinda)	
03/26/2024	22	ORDER re: Motion for leave to withdraw appearance. The motion is GRANTED. Attorney Melinda R. Holmes may withdraw from further representation of appellees Todd Rokita and Ryan Mears in this matter. Attorney James A. Barta will continue to serve as counsel of record for the appellees. CDH [22] [7372239] [23-3247] (HTP)	
04/29/2024	23	Submitted appellee brief by James A. Barta for Appellees Todd Rokita and Ryan Mears. [23] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7379225] [23-3247] (Barta, James)	
04/29/2024	24	NOTICE: Attorney James A. Barta for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita will not be available for oral argument May 29-31, 2024; July 9-10, 2024, August 14, 2024 Counsel requests that the Court avoid scheduling argument on the same day as argument in City of Hammond v. Lake County Board of Elections, No. 24-1125, and Sparger-Withers v. Taylor, No. 24-1367. [24] [7379229] [23-3247] (Barta, James)	
04/29/2024	25	Appellee's brief filed by Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. Paper copies due on 05/06/2024. [25] [7379233] [23-3247] (SK)	
05/02/2024	26	Paper copies of appellee brief filed by Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [26] [7379890] [23-3247] (CAG)	
06/06/2024	27	Circuit Rule 26.1 Disclosure Statement and Appearance filed by Attorney Jenna M. Lorence for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [27] [7386724] (L-No; E-Yes; R-No) [23-3247] [27] [7386724] [23-3247][Edited 06/06/2024 by HTP to reflect addition of counsel.] (Lorence, Jenna)	
06/10/2024	28	Submitted appellant reply brief by W. James	

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		Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [28] NOTE: Access to this entry is limited to counsel of record. Once the document is approved by the court, it will be filed onto the court's docket as a separate entry which will be open to the public. [7387136] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
06/10/2024	29	Appellant's reply brief filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc Paper copies due on 06/17/2024. [29] [7387193] [23-3247] (CAG)	
06/10/2024	30	NOTICE: Attorney William James Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. will not be available for oral argument July 31, 2024, through September 20, 2024. [30] [7387219] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
06/18/2024	31	Paper copies of appellant reply brief filed by Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [31] [7388606] [23-3247] (EF)	
07/08/2024	32	Argument set for Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time in the Sherman Minton Moot Courtroom, Room 123, of the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 211 S. Indiana Ave, Bloomington, Indiana. Each side limited to 15 minutes. [32] [7392033] [23-3247][Edited 07/08/2024 by SK] (SK)	
10/02/2024	33	Received argument confirmation from Jenna M. Lorence for Appellees Ryan Mears and Todd Rokita. [33] [7408825] [23-3247] (Lorence, Jenna)	
10/08/2024	34	Received argument confirmation from W. JAMES MAC NAUGHTON for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [34] [7410112] [23-3247] (Mac Naughton, William)	
10/17/2024	35	Received argument confirmation per argument email form for Attorney Ms. Jenna Lorence for Appellees Todd Rokita and Ryan Mears. [35] [7411891] [23-3247] (CAH)	
10/17/2024	36	Received argument confirmation per argument email form for Attorney William James Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc [36] [7411944] [23-3247] (CAH)	
10/24/2024	37	Case heard and taken under advisement by panel: Frank H. Easterbrook, Circuit Judge; Thomas L. Kirsch, II, Circuit Judge and Doris L. Pryor, Circuit Judge. [37] [7413442] [23-3247] (SK)	
10/24/2024	38	Case argued by William James Mac Naughton for Appellant Satanic Temple, Inc. and Ms. Jenna Lorence for Appellees Todd Rokita and Ryan Mears. [38] [7413444] [23- 3247] (SK)	

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