

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND**

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SCM-REG-009-2024  
September Term, 2024

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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON, a corporation sole, d/b/a  
ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON  
Petitioner,

v.

JOHN DOE, RICHARD ROE, and MARK SMITH, individually and on behalf of all  
others similarly situated,  
Respondents.

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On Bypass Review:  
Circuit Court for Prince George's County  
(Hon. Robin Gill Bright)


**MOTION FOR SPECIAL ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY  
UNDER RULE 19-217**

I, Bruce Plaxen, attorney of record for proposed *Amici Curiae* Association for Justice, Child USA, Change the Conversation, Maryland Association for Justice, and Public Justice, move that this Honorable Court admit out-of-state attorney, Shelby Leighton, for the limited purpose of appearing and participating in this case as co-counsel with me. Ms. Leighton is a member in good standing of the Bar of Maine (Bar No. 006228). Her Out-of-State Attorney Information is as follows:

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The \$100.00 fee required by Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, § 7-202(f) is included with this motion. I do not request that my presence be waived under Rule 19-217(d).

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE AS TO SPECIAL ADMISSIONS**

I, Shelby Leighton, certify on this 6th day of August, 2024 that during the preceding five years, I have been specially admitted in the State of Maryland ZERO times.

Dated: August 6, 2024.

/s/ Shelby Leighton  
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**RULE 1-322.1 CERTIFICATION**

I HERBY CERTIFY pursuant to Rule 1.322.1 that none of the foregoing filings contain personal identified information.

  
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Bruce Plaxen

**RULE 20-201 CERTIFICATION**

I HERBY CERTIFY pursuant to Rule 20-201(h)(2) that none of the foregoing filings contain restricted information.

  
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Bruce Plaxen

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, copies of (1) Motion for Special Admission of Out-of-State Attorney Under Rule 19-217; (2) Certificate as to Special Admission and (3) Proposed Order were served via MDEC on all parties entitled to service.

  
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Bruce Plaxen