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Re: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints v. Jane Doe Misc. No. 1, September Term, 2024 SCM-MISC-0001-2024

Dear Counsel:

This letter will serve as the scheduling notice for the referenced case. As you know from my letter to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, the Supreme Court of Maryland accepted the question certified to it by the District Court, but the question has been reformulated.

Reformulated question:

Does the Maryland Child Victims Act of 2023, 2023 Md. Laws ch. 5 (S.B. 686) (codified at Md. Code Ann., Cts. and Jud. Proc. § 5-117), constitute and impermissible abrogation of a vested right in violation of Article 24 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and/or Article III, Section 40 of the Maryland Constitution?

The parties: In its certification, the U.S. District Court designated the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as the appellant and Ms. Doe as the appellee.

Oral arguments: The case has been scheduled for argument during the September 2024 session of Court. Arguments in September 2024 will be scheduled on one of the following days: September 5, 6, 9, or 10. Please let me know immediately if you have a conflict for any of these dates.

Briefing: The briefs and the joint record extract shall comply with the style and formatting requirements of the Maryland Rules and shall be filed with the Court according to this schedule:

Appellant's brief and joint record extract: Monday, June 17, 2024. Appellee's brief: Wednesday, July 17, 2024. Appellant's reply brief, if any: Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

In addition to other relevant documents the parties wish to include, the joint record extract shall include the docket entries and the certification order from the U.S. District Court case. All briefs, the joint record extract, and other papers filed in the Court must be filed electronically through the MDEC system.

Pursuant to Rules 20-403(b), 20-404(b), and 20-406(a)(2), on the first business day following the filing of the briefs or record extract, eight paper copies of each must be delivered to the Court or should be placed in the U.S. Mail or with a third-party carrier.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hilton Clerk

Copies to: Jeffrey Luoma, Assistant Attorney General (by e-service only)