

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

JAMILA JOHNSON, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

KYLE ARDOIN, in his official capacity as the  
Acting Secretary of State of Louisiana,

Defendant

Case No. 18-625-SDD-EWD

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY**

Plaintiffs respectfully submit this Notice to alert the Court to a recent decision out of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama in *Chestnut v. Merrill*, No. 2:18-CV-00907-KOB, a case challenging Alabama's 2011 congressional plan under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

Like Defendant Ardoin's pending challenge to this Court's jurisdiction (ECF No. 33), the *Chestnut* defendant argued that the single district court judge lacked jurisdiction because 28 U.S.C. § 2284 required that the case be heard before a three-judge panel. *See Chestnut v. Merrill*, No. 2:18-CV-00907-KOB (N.D. Al. Nov. 2, 2018), ECF No. 27.<sup>1</sup>

On January 28, 2019, the *Chestnut* court issued a Memorandum Opinion denying the defendant's challenge to the district court's jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 2284 and ordering that the case will remain before a single district judge. *See* Attachment A (*Chestnut v. Merrill*, No. 2:18-

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<sup>1</sup> The defendant in *Chestnut* specifically cited Defendant Ardoin's arguments in support of his Motion to Dismiss, attached Defendant Ardoin's memorandum in support of his motion to dismiss as an exhibit to his own motion, and noted that he "[found] those arguments persuasive" and accordingly "adopt[ed]" the same position. *Id.* at 1-3 & n.1.

CV-00907-KOB (N.D. Al. Jan. 28, 2019), ECF No. 40).

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on January 29, 2019, the foregoing Notice of Supplemental Authority was filed electronically with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system.

*s/ Jennifer Wise Moroux* \_\_\_\_\_

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