



Chief Judge Roger L. Gregory
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Lewis F. Powell Jr. Courthouse
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Dear Chief Judge Smith:

We, the undersigned, are the executive director of the North Carolina Press Association and the executive director of Fix the Court, a national nonprofit that advocates for greater access to federal courts, respectively.

We write today to urge the Fourth Circuit to provide a live audio stream on the court's website for 18-0005, *Barnes v. Thomas*, to be argued at 8:30 a.m. on May 8.

We believe that the public's significant interest in the various constitutional issues presented in this case merits a livestream and that the public would benefit greatly from direct, unfiltered access to the argument as it unfolds.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phil Lucey".

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