



Chief Judge Priscilla Owen
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Dear Chief Judge Owen:

We, the undersigned, are the executive director of Fix the Court and the director of news for Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

We write today to urge the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit to expedite the release of audio for the January 22 oral argument in 19-60133, *Joseph Thomas, et al., v. Phil Bryant, et al.*, due to the public's heightened interest in the case.

We are greatly appreciative of the Fifth Circuit's typical audio policy but believe that the public's attention to the issues of representation presented in this case, as well as the importance of reporters from Mississippi accessing proceedings that will take place in New Orleans in a timely manner, merits expedited audio.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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