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INFORMATION REGARDING THE TRIAL OF *COMMON CAUSE, ET AL. V. LEWIS, ET AL.* (18 CVS 14001)

Date: July 11, 2019

A three-judge panel of the Wake County Superior Court, duly appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court, will preside over the trial of *Common Cause, et al. v. Lewis, et al.* (File No. 18 CVS 14001), beginning on Monday, July 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 303 of the Campbell University School of Law. The trial is expected to take two weeks and court will begin at 9:00 a.m. on all other days, unless otherwise announced by the Court.

All counsel, members of the press, and interested individuals are advised of the following:

Press Guidelines

- One video camera will be permitted in the courtroom during the proceedings and coverage of the proceedings shall be shared through a pooled arrangement, provided by WRAL-TV of Raleigh, during the week of July 15, 2019. Questions about the pool video should be directed to Chad Flowers (919-618-1332).
- All cameras, video and still/shutter, must be in a fixed location in the courtroom. All cameras must be silent. Any camera causing a distraction will be removed.
- Movement by reporters and/or camera operators in and out of the courtroom should be limited during the trial.
- The jury box in the Courtroom will be reserved for press, on a first-come, first-seated basis.
- Photographing, filming, and audio recording are not allowed in the corridors, offices, conference rooms, stairwell, elevators, or other areas outside the courtroom.
- Rule 15 of the NC Rules of Practice for the Superior and District Court shall apply to these proceedings.

Facilities Guidelines

- Rooms reserved for use: Boyce Courtroom (Courtroom 303); Overflow/media pool room (Room 312 on Monday only and Room 313 for all days except July 15); Judges' chambers (conference room adjacent to Boyce Courtroom; door will be locked from the courtroom side).
 - **Note regarding Monday, July 15, Only:** Room 312 is reserved for a class at 5:30 p.m. – all individuals must vacate the room by 5:15 p.m. **Students will be taking an exam in Room 313 – do not cause interruption to the exam**
- The commons area on the 2nd floor of the School of Law is available for meetings, discussions, lunch, etc.
- Courtroom & overflow room opening time – 8:00 a.m. (please do not enter the building prior to this time).



- The trial shall be open to the public, subject to the facility rules of Campbell University School of Law and all applicable occupancy and safety restrictions. Seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis, and an overflow/media pool room has been set up in Room 312 (Monday only) and Room 313 (all days except for July 15).
- All individuals entering the Campbell University School of Law shall comply with the *Weapons & Explosives On Campus* policy of Campbell University (available on the university's website).
- Parking at Campbell School of Law is reserved for the judges, court staff, and students. All others, including counsel and parties, may temporarily park in front of the building to load/unload items but must move vehicles to an alternate location (paid parking is available in the municipal deck, on the street, and in surrounding daily lots).
- Three counsel tables will be available, and counsel are encouraged to confer, prior to the trial, to determine how the space will be allocated. Additional furniture is not permitted in the courtroom, without prior authorization from the Trial Court Administrator.
- Campbell University School of Law and court personnel cannot guarantee the security of items left in the courtroom and in the building – please do not leave items of value in the building and in the courtroom when court is not in session.
- Students will be using space throughout the School of Law, including conference rooms and classrooms, for summer school and bar exam preparation. *All individuals visiting the School of Law for this court proceeding should keep noise to a minimum in all areas outside the courtroom and should not enter conference rooms or classrooms that have not been reserved for this matter (see above).*

Other Information

- Counsel/parties who require meeting/storage spaces are encouraged to make arrangements with nearby facilities such as the Holiday Inn and the NC State Bar.
- If counsel wish to preview the courtroom and A/V system, the courtroom will be available on Friday afternoon, July 12, 2019. You must contact Linda Davenport to schedule a time to visit.
- Judges' exhibit notebooks shall be delivered to the Campbell Courtroom on July 12 and may be placed in the judges' chambers prior to trial. Counsel may store other trial materials in chambers over the weekend *prior to trial*, space permitting.