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CITIZENSHIP BOARD OF THE )  
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION, )  
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Appellant, )  
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v. )  
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RHONDA K. GRAYSON and )  
JEFFREY D. KENNEDY, )  
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Respondents. )

Case No.: SC-2023-10  
(District Court Case No.: CV-2020-34)

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AND  
ORDER RESETTING ORAL ARGUMENT**

On April 22, 2025, the Supreme Court issued its *Order and Opinion* in SC-2024-05, In the Matter of the Constitutionality of NCA 24-077, finding NCA 24-077 (a law enacted on June 10, 2024, amending M(C)NCA Title 27, § 3-103, concerning the number of Justices hearing an appeal, and repealing M(C)NCA Title 27, Appendix 1, Rule 15A, concerning vacancies in the District Court and Supreme Court) , TR 24-073 (appointment of James Jennings), and TR 24-074 (appointment of Samuel Deere) unconstitutional and unenforceable. Further, the Court ordered that any *Stay of Proceedings* filed in any other pending Supreme Court action for the purpose of resolving the Constitutional challenge related to NCA 24-077 be immediately rescinded.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the *Stay of Proceedings* filed on July 12, 2024 in the above-styled action is hereby **RESCINDED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in accordance with Title 27, Appendix 2, Rule 19, the above-styled appeal is set for oral argument on **Friday, June 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CST**. Oral argument will be conducted via Zoom video conference. The Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court will provide all necessary Zoom meeting ID numbers to the email address

on record for the lead counsel of each party prior to oral argument. Only counsel of record and named parties (or their official representative) shall be authorized to participate in the Zoom oral argument. No other groups or individuals shall be in any room where authorized individuals are participating in the Zoom oral argument. Further, counsel, parties, and/or their representatives are advised that they shall not disseminate Zoom meeting ID numbers to any other groups or individuals.<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that your lead counsel's contact information is up to date with the Office of the Supreme Court Clerk if that information has recently changed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel for each party shall attend a virtual meeting on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., CST**, to test the parties' video conferencing software. All counsel participating in oral argument shall be required to participate in this virtual meeting. Each counsel should complete the following steps prior to the virtual meeting:

1. Install Zoom for free.
  - a. For smartphones or tablets, search for Zoom in the Play Store or App Store and download the app.
  - b. For desktop or laptop computers, please visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and move to the next step. (you will be prompted to download the Zoom software during your account setup, described below)
2. Create a Zoom Account
  - a. Visit [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and select the "Sign Up, It's Free" option. Follow the on-screen prompts and create your new account. You will need to enter a valid email address and create a password that complies with Zoom's password requirements. Once your account is created you will be prompted to complete a test video conference. This is a great opportunity to ensure that the video and audio equipment installed on your desktop, laptop, smartphone, or tablet are functioning properly.
3. Join the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument Video Conference on the Date/Time Scheduled

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<sup>1</sup> Failure to adhere to this (or any other) rule of the Court will result in a finding of contempt of court, including possible fine and/or jail time. The Court will live-stream oral argument on the Court's website, and the video will remain on the page for the general public to view until close of business on the day of oral argument.

- a. Open the Zoom software on your desktop, laptop, smartphone or tablet.
- b. Log into your Zoom account using your email address and password (created above).
- c. Select the “Join” icon.
- d. Enter the meeting ID number that will be provided by the Court.

### **TIPS**

Verify that your internet connection is sufficient prior to the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument. If using WI/FI, it may be beneficial to remain near the WI/FI hotspot and to ensure that all other non-essential programs are shut down.

Verify your video camera and microphone are functioning properly prior to the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument. Using a headset will generally produce the best audio quality.

Position your camera so that you are centered in the camera’s field of vision and ensure that your background is not distracting. Please do not position your camera to view an entire room/conference room. Each participant should be centered in their own camera’s field of vision (one camera per speaker).

Attempt to join the Virtual Meeting and/or Oral Argument from a quiet location, free from background noise.

Ensure that your line is on mute unless you are speaking.

Set your Zoom software to “gallery view” mode. A countdown clock will be shown on camera during oral argument. No verbal time cues will be given. If you are not in “gallery view” mode you will not see the countdown clock.

### **COURTROOM ETIQUETTE<sup>2</sup>**

You are participating in a court hearing. Please dress and utilize the same general decorum that would be expected in an in-person setting. Participants shall remain silent until invited to speak to the Court.

All audio or video recording, photographs, and/or reproductions of the Virtual Meeting and Oral Argument are strictly prohibited.

The Oral Argument will follow the structure outlined in M(C)NCA Title 27, App. 2, Rule 19, with the exception that each party shall be granted thirty (30) minutes instead of twenty (20) minutes to

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<sup>2</sup> See Footnote 1, concerning failure to adhere to rules of Court.

present their primary arguments (consistent with the Court's amended Appellate Rules of Procedure).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, absent extraordinary cause shown, the Court will decline to consider any request for continuance of the virtual meeting or oral argument in this matter filed after **5:00 p.m., CST, on Friday, May 9, 2025.**

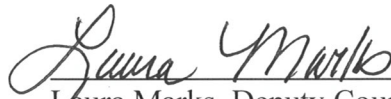
**FILED AND ENTERED:** April 28, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Adams III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Andrew Adams III  
Chief Justice

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that on April 28, 2025, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Removal of Stay of Proceedings and Order Resetting Oral Argument* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Geri Wisner, Jeremy Pittman, and Clinton Wilson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447; Damario Solomon-Simmons and Beatriz Mate-Kodjo, Solomon Simmons Law, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Suite 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggss, Riggs, Abney, Neal, Turpen, Orbison & Lewis, 502 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74119; Graydon D. Luthey, Jr., R. Trent Shores, and Barrett L. Powers, Gablegotwals, 110 N. Elgin Ave., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74120; Jana L. Knott, Bass Law, 252 NW 70<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to the Clerk of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.



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Laura Marks, Deputy Court Clerk