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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Request For Recusal Of Justice Judith L. French From Further Participation
In The Case Of: *State ex rel. Ohio Civil Service Employees Association et al. v.
State of Ohio c/o Mike DeWine et al.*; Case No. 2014-0319

Honorable Sandra H. Grosko:

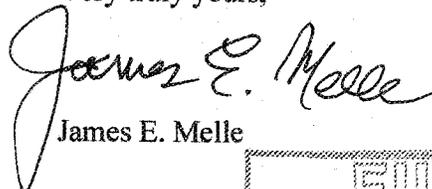
Pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 4.04(B)(1), counsel for Plaintiffs-Appellees/Cross-Appellants, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association et al., files this request for recusal of Justice Judith L. French from further participation in this case for the reasons stated in the two accompanying affidavits. S.Ct.Prac.R. 4.04(B)(1) provides:

A party to a case pending before the Supreme Court or the counsel for a party may request the recusal of a justice by filing a request with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. The request shall be in the form of a letter addressed to the Clerk that includes the name and number of the case and the name of the justice whose recusal is being requested. The letter shall be accompanied by an affidavit, signed by the party or party's counsel, that includes the specific basis for the recusal request and facts in support of the request. Notwithstanding the requirements of S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.11(C), the party or counsel filing the request shall provide a copy of the letter and affidavit to all parties to the case.

This letter and the accompanying two affidavits is also being served upon all counsel as required by S.Ct.Prac.R. 4.04(B)(1) and service is shown on the Certificates of Service thereon.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me and it will be provided. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


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cc: All Counsel with Attachments

