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Annual Litigation Report
Louisiana Department of State
Applicable Reporting Period - January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

CASE:

Plaintiffs: Keith Kishbaugh; and Kyle Ardoin, Secretary of State, Intervenor.

Defendants: Louis Perret, Lafayette Parish Clerk of Court; Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government; the City of Lafayette and Lafayette Parish Government; Daniel Gillane; Deborah Amy; Harold Bernard, Jr.; Dennis Sullivan; Jane Sawvel; and Bruce Sawvel.

Courts: Fifteenth Judicial District Court, Docket No. 2019-2137 A; Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Docket No. CA 19-417; and Louisiana Supreme Court, Docket Nos. 2019-C-1059 and 2019-C-1064.

Cause of Action and Relief Sought: Petition for declaratory and injunctive relief to prevent the ordinance which amended the provisions of the Lafayette City-Parish Home Rule Charter establishing the method and manner for electing city and parish council members from going into effect.

Current Status of the Case: The case is concluded and the Louisiana Supreme Court denied the writ applications on July 3, 2019. The matter was tried as a bench trial on the merits on May 8, 2019 in the Fifteenth Judicial District Court.

Representation of the Louisiana Department of State: Assistant Attorney General Carey Thompson Jones and Assistant Attorney General Emily G. Andrews.