

IN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPREME COURT

SUPREME COURT  
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RHONDA K. GRAYSON and )  
JEFFREY D. KENNEDY, )

Appellants, )

v. )

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION )  
NATIONAL COUNCIL, )

Respondent. )

JUL 12 2024

Case No.: UNASSIGNED CONNIE DEARMAN *LM*  
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION  
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(District Court Case No.: CV-2024-122)

ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF APPLICATION TO ASSUME ORIGINAL JURISDICTION, AND ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

Before: ADAMS, C.J.; LERBLANCE, V.C.J.; and DEER, HARJO-WARE, MCNAC, SUPERNAW, and THOMPSON, JJ.

This matter comes before the Court pursuant to M(C)NCA Title 27, App. 2, Rule 28 [as amended by Supreme Court Administrative Order 2023-08], and the Appellants' July 8, 2024, *Application to Assume Original Jurisdiction and Petition for Declaratory Relief*, wherein the Appellants challenge the constitutionality of NCA 24-077, a law of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending M(C)NCA Title 27, entitled "Judicial Procedures[,] and creating a new "Special Justice" position in the judicial branch. The Appellants request that this Court assume original jurisdiction of the matter.

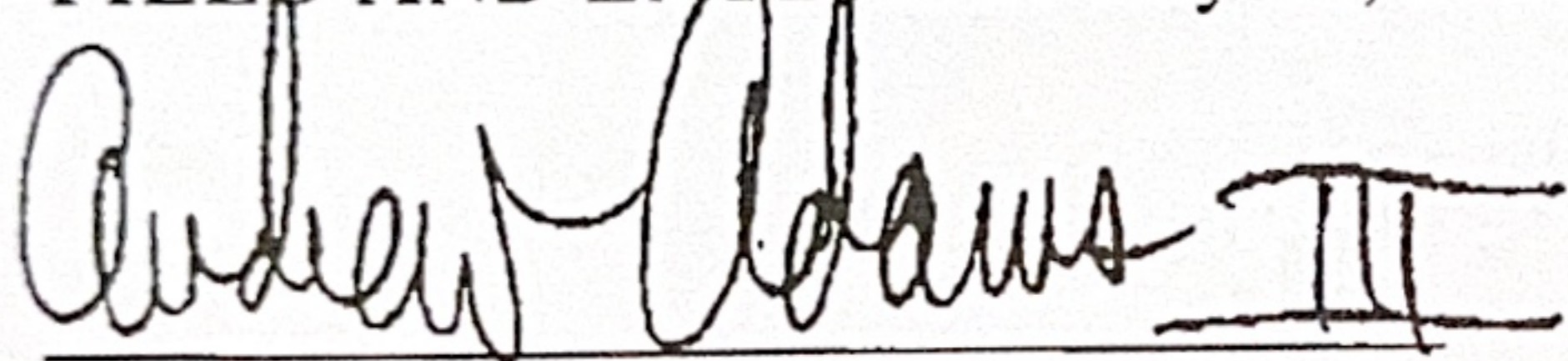
The Court acknowledges receipt of the Appellants' *Application* and **NOTIFIES** the parties that the Respondent may submit a response to the Appellants' *Application* within thirty (30) days of this *Order*, presenting argument(s) (if any) on why this Court should not assume original jurisdiction. The response shall not exceed sixteen (16) pages in length, and any addendum/appendix material shall not exceed ten (10) pages in length. The Appellants may submit

a reply not exceeding ten (10) pages total (including argument and addendum/appendix material) within fifteen (15) days of any response filed. Following the briefing outlined above, the Court will issue its determination on whether to assume original jurisdiction and docket the case, and, if deemed necessary by the Court, will issue an additional briefing schedule on the issue of the constitutionality of NCA 24-077.

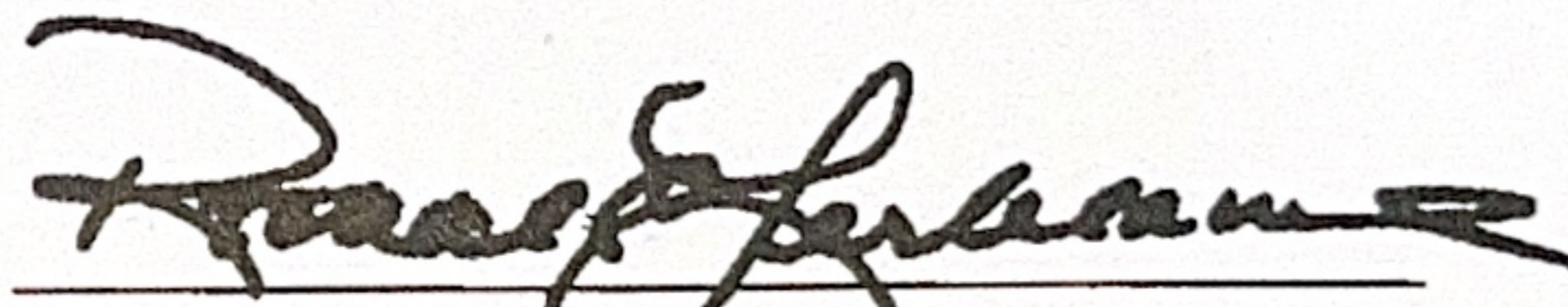
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that implementation of NCA 24-077 shall be **STAYED** until the conclusion of this action.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any current or future Supreme Court action impacted by the passage of NCA 24-077 shall be **STAYED** until the conclusion of this action, with the exception of writs of habeas corpus; which, pursuant to the Court's Appellate Rules, must be heard within seventy-two hours of receipt.

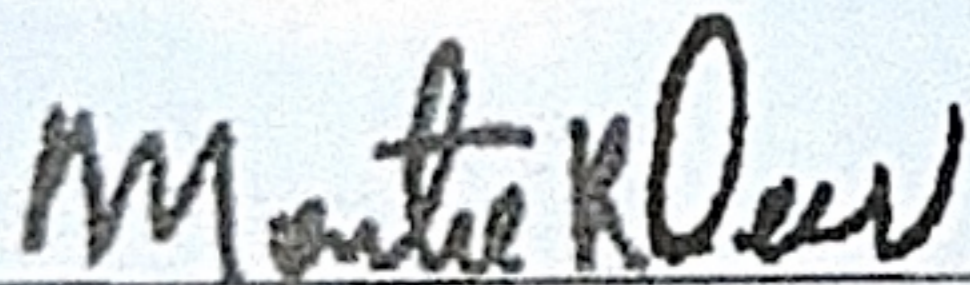
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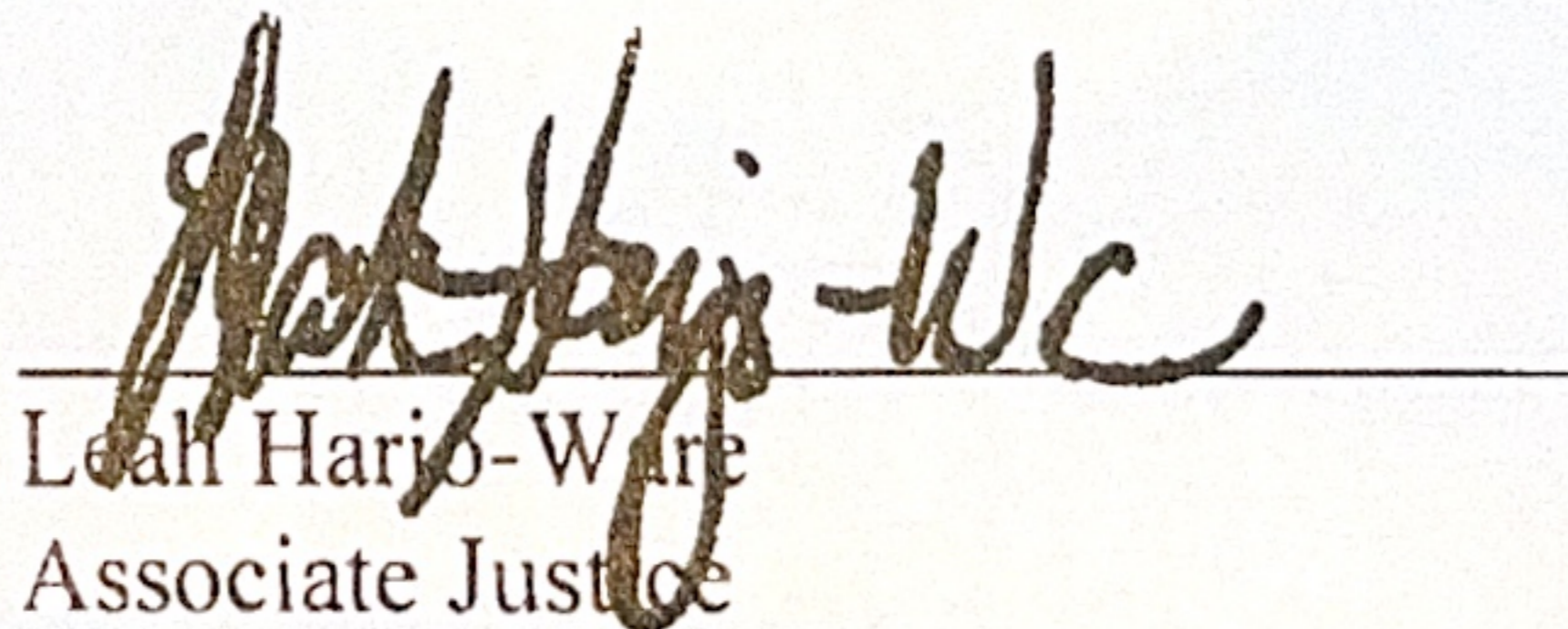
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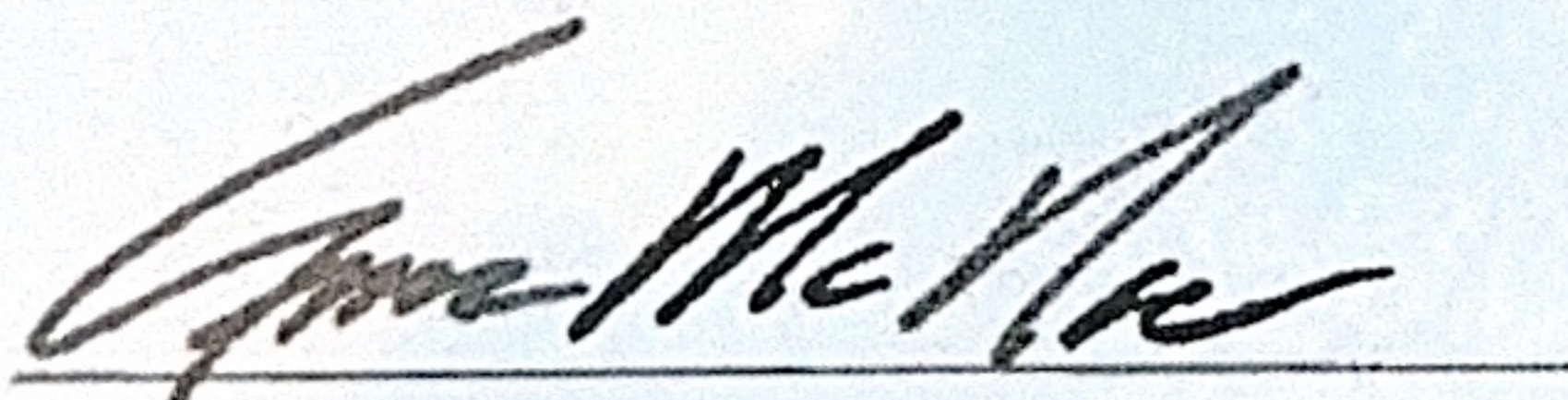
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Montie Deer  
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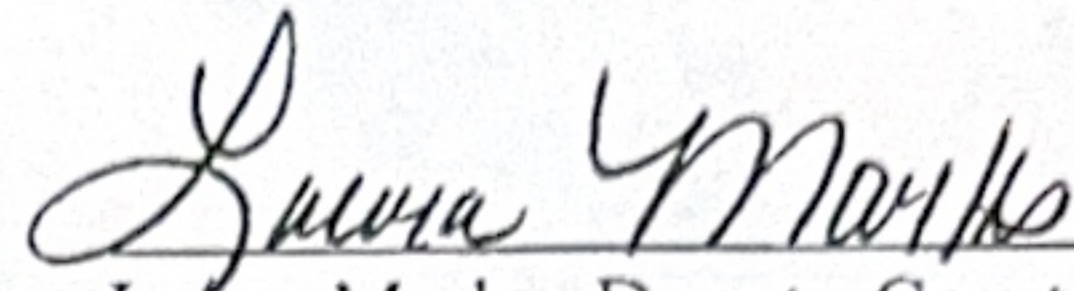
Kathleen Supernaw  
Associate Justice



George Thompson, Jr.  
Associate Justice

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on July 12, 2024, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Order Acknowledging Receipt of Application to Assume Original Jurisdiction, and Order Staying Proceedings* with proper postage prepaid to each of the following: Damarion Solomon-Simmons, 601 S. Boulder Ave., Ste. 602, Tulsa, OK 74119; M. David Riggs, 502 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74119; Jana L. Knott, 252 NW 70<sup>th</sup> St., Oklahoma City, OK 73116; Speaker Randall Hicks, and Kyle Haskins, MCN National Council, P.O. Box 159, Okmulgee, OK 74447. A true and correct copy was also hand-delivered to Office of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.



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Laura Marks, Deputy Court Clerk