

**19<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**11-OCT-2017**

**TO: MARK A CUNNINGHAM  
JONES WALKER  
201 ST CHARLES AVE  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70170-5100**

**JOSEPH ALLEN ETAL VS LA STATE GOVERNOR ETAL**

**CASE NUMBER: C655079**

**JUDGE: TODD HERNANDEZ**

**DIVISION: SECTION 27**

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION FOR THE**

**AFOREMENTIONED CASE: THE COURT ENCLOSES A COPY OF THE RULING ON THE  
MATTERS HELD AUGUST 21, 2017. (SEE DECREE)**

**WENDY RICHARDSON  
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT TO JUDGE  
TODD HERNANDEZ**

**NOTIFIED:**

JOSEPH ALLEN, STEVEN AYRES  
ASHLEY HURLBURT, RORY KEVIN  
GATES, JAMES HOWARD, DEMARCUS  
MORROW, RODNEY WALLER, KEITH  
ARCEMENT, FREDERICK BELL,  
GNEARO CRUZ GOMEZ, SAM YBARRA,  
MICHAEL CARTER, AND JAMES PARK *on*  
*Behalf of themselves and all others similarly*  
*Situated*

: NUMBER 655,079 SECTION 27

: 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

Versus

JOHN BEL EDWARDS, in his official capacity  
As GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA, ZITA  
JACKSON ANDRUS, CHRIS L. BOWMAN,  
FLOZELL DANIELS, JR., THOMAS D.  
DAVENPORT, JR., PATRICK J. FANNING, W.  
ROSS FOOTE, KATHERINE E. GILMER,  
MICHAEL C. GINART, JR., FRANK  
HOLTHAUS, DONALD W. NORTH AND  
MOSES JUNIOR WILLIAMS *in their official*  
*Capacities as members of the Louisiana Public*  
*Defender Board; AND JAMES T. DIXON, JR.*  
*In his capacity as THE LOUISIANA STATE*  
*PUBLIC DEFENDER*

: PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

: STATE OF LOUISIANA

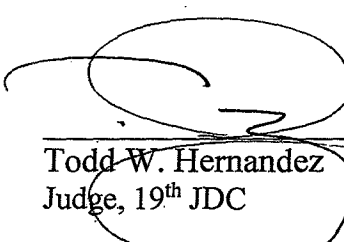
**RULING ON EXCEPTIONS OF NO RIGHT OF ACTION, NO CAUSE OF  
ACTION, AND LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION  
FILED BY AND ON BEHALF OF ALL DEFENDANTS**

This matter came before the court for hearing on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017 on the  
above titled exceptions by the defendants, Hon. John Bel Edwards, Governor of Louisiana and  
all other named defendants.

After consideration of the arguments of counsel, law and evidence, the court *denies* the  
defendants' exception of No Right of Action, No Cause of Action and Lack of Subject Matter  
Jurisdiction.

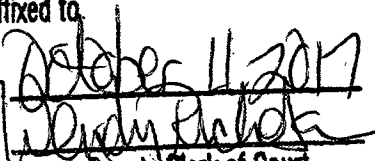
A judgment shall be submitted in accordance with Uniform District Court Rule 9.5. Each  
party shall each bear their own cost of these proceedings.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

  
Todd W. Hernandez  
Judge, 19<sup>th</sup> JDC

I hereby certify that on this day a copy of the  
written reasons for Judgment was mailed by me, with  
sufficient postage affixed to.

Done and signed on

October 11, 2017  
  
Wendy K. Baker  
Deputy Clerk of Court

FILED

OCT 11 2017

  
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