

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN ITS ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Appellate Case No. 2024-001227

League of Women Voters of South Carolina Petitioner,

v.

Thomas Alexander, in his official capacity as President of the South Carolina Senate; Murrell Smith, in his official capacity as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives; Howard Knapp, in his official capacity as Director of the South Carolina State Election Commission Respondents,

and

Henry McMaster, in his official capacity as the Governor of South Carolina.....Intervenor

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR *PRO HAC VICE*

Pursuant to South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 404, *amicus curiae* Campaign Legal Center hereby moves to permit Benjamin Phillips to practice *pro hac vice* before the Court in the above-captioned proceeding.

Mr. Phillips and counsel of record, Armand Derfner, are simultaneously filing a copy of the Verified Application for Admission *pro hac vice* with the South Carolina Supreme Court and have previously submitted the requisite fee. In support of this motion, a completed application form as specified in Rule 404(d) and a Certificate of Good Standing are attached.

Wherefore, as the provisions of Rule 404 have been met, Campaign Legal Center respectfully requests that this motion be granted.

Respectfully submitted,
February 21, 2025

/s/ Armand Derfner

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Please type your answers in the space provided. Provide an answer for every question asked. In your own handwriting, sign in all spaces where a signature is required (no e-signatures). The accompanying certificate of good standing should not be older than 90 days at the time of the filing of this application.

League of Women Voters of South Carolina 2024-001227 Supreme Court of South Carolina
Plaintiff Case No. Tribunal
vs. Thomas Alexander, Murrell Smith, Mailing Address of Tribunal: Supreme Court of SC
and Howard Knapp P.O. Box 11330
Defendant Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Comes now Benjamin Phillips, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:
1301 15th St. NW #414
Street Address Washington DC 20005
City County State Zip Code
360.305.8568 Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Campaign Legal Center, with offices at 1101 14th St. NW, Suite 400
Street Address Washington DC 20005
City County State Zip Code
(202) 736-2200 (202) 736-2222 bphillips@campaignlegalcenter.org
Primary Telephone Cell Phone Fax Number Email Address

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by Campaign Legal Center to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since 6th of November, 2022, Applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of DC where Applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law. It is not necessary to provide a certificate of good standing from all courts before which you are admitted.

5. List all courts before which Applicant has been admitted to practice law, including United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and state courts or the District of Columbia.

Court:	Date Admitted:
North Dakota District Court	8/1/2023
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit	9/25/2023
District of Columbia	11/6/2022

Is Applicant presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above? List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.

N/A

6. Is Applicant presently subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, or has Applicant been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency? If yes, give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date.

N/A

7. Has Applicant had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked? If yes give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.

N/A

8. Has Applicant had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked? If yes, give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement.

N/A

9. Please be aware that local counsel must be Rule 403 certified. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is Armand Derfner of the DERFNER & ALTMAN, LLC

law firm, which has offices at:

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No. 1650

South Carolina Bar Number
(You must provide Bar Number)

10. Has Applicant previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in South Carolina cases? If yes, give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.

N/A

11. Does Applicant agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct? Does Applicant consent to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Yes

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2025

Benjamin Phillips
APPLICANT

VERIFICATION

STATE OF WASHINGTON, DC

COUNTY OF N/A

I, BENJAMIN PHILLIPS, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.

Benjamin Phillips
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of January, 20 25

Sophie Grossman
(Notary Signature)

Notary Public for the State of DC
My Commission Expires: 9/30/2028



LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 29 day of January, 20 25

Amel Stefan
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this 30th day of January, 20 25

Benjamin Phillips



*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

Benjamin Adam Mamolen Phillips

*was duly qualified and admitted on November 6, 2022 as an attorney and counselor entitled to
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good
standing of this Bar.*

*In Testimony Whereof,
I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of this
Court at the City of
Washington, D.C., on January 24, 2025.*

Julio A. Castillo
JULIO A. CASTILLO
Clerk of the Court

Issued By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Chu".

*David Chu - Director, Membership
District of Columbia Bar Membership*

***For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email
memberservices@dcbar.org.***