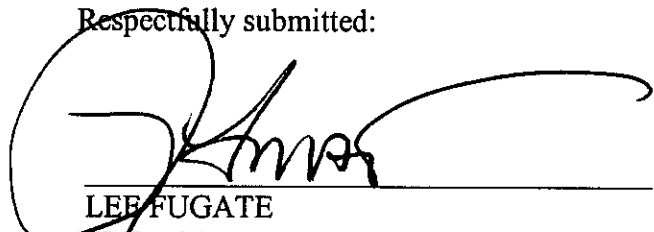


as the Second District Court of Appeal determines whether this Court erred in not disqualifying the presiding judge in this proceeding. The stay is particularly important given that should the Second District Court of Appeal conclude that this Court erred in not disqualifying the presiding judge, any rulings adverse to the Church during the time the Motion to Disqualify was denied and the Writ of Prohibition is affirmed will significantly prejudice the Church in its pursuit of a fair and impartial trial and convey an appearance of impropriety. By contrast, granting the stay will not prejudice the State in any manner.

WHEREFORE, the Court should grant the stay until the Writ of Prohibition is ruled on by the Second District Court of Appeal.

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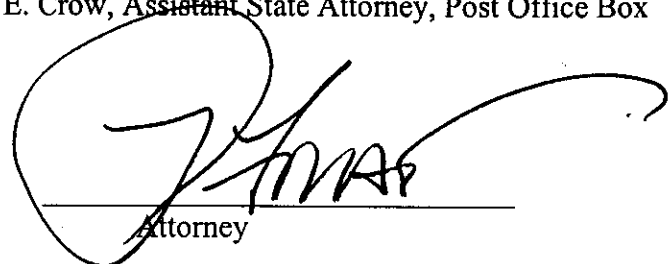
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