

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

**ROY FERRAND, LUTHER SCOTT, JR.,
And LOUISIANA STATE CONFERENCE
OF THE NAACP, for themselves and all
other persons similarly situated,**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 2:11-cv-00926
JTM-JCW
SECTION "H"**

Plaintiffs,

v.

**TOM SCHEDLER in his official capacity
As the Louisiana Secretary of State, RUTH
JOHNSON, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the Louisiana Department of
Children & Family Services, and BRUCE
D. GREENSTEIN, in his official capacity
As Secretary of the Louisiana Department
Of Health & Hospitals,**

Defendants,

**EX PARTE MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY SUZY SONNIER
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES'
FOR FORMER SECRETARY RUTH JOHSON**

Defendant, Ruth Johnson, former Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, hereby requests this Honorable Court, to order that "Suzy Sonnier, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services" be substituted as party Defendant, in place of former Secretary Ruth Johnson pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 25(d). This relief is requested with respect to all counts of the Complaint as filed by Plaintiffs Luther Scott, Jr. and the Louisiana State Conference of the NAACP.

1.

Former Secretary Ruth Johnson was the Secretary of Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services on the date the Complaint was filed.

2.

Former Secretary of State Ruth Johnson left her employment with the State of Louisiana on or about June 22, 2012.

3.

Suzy Sonnier became Secretary of Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services on or about June 23, 2012.

WHEREFORE, the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services request this Honorable Court to order Secretary Suzy Sonnier be substituted for former Secretary Ruth Johnson in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted:

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ORDER

Considering the "Ex Parte Motion to Substitute Secretary Suzy Sonnier of the Department of Children and Family Services' for former Secretary Ruth Johnson" in the above captioned matter:

IT IS ORDERED that the Defendant, Suzy Sonnier, Secretary of Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services, be substituted for former Secretary Ruth Johnson, as requested.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this ____ day of _____, 2012.

**JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**