



## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

December 11, 2017

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Ex parte Secretary of State John Merrill and Ed Packard.  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS: CIVIL (In re: Virginia Tuggle,  
et al. v. Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill and Director  
of Elections Ed Packard) (Montgomery Circuit Court:  
CV-17-901909).

### ORDER

The Petition for Writ of Mandamus filed by Secretary of State John Merrill and Ed Packard on December 11, 2017, directed to the Honorable Roman A. Shaul, Judge of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, having been submitted to the Court,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Respondents, Judge Roman A. Shaul and Virginia Tuggle, et al., file with the Clerk of this Court their answers to the said petition, a copy of which appears to have been served on them, or their attorneys, on December 11, 2017, with briefs in support of said answer(s), within fourteen (14) days from the date of this order; and,

2. That the Petitioner may file a brief in reply to Respondents' answers and briefs within seven (7) days from the date Respondents' answers and briefs are filed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall serve a copy of this order upon all parties to this cause, or their attorneys of record, electronically or by mailing a copy thereof to them by United States mail, postage prepaid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Emergency Motion to Stay is GRANTED.

**Stuart, C.J., and Parker, Murdock, Shaw, Main, Wise, Bryan, and Sellers, JJ., concur.**



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I, Julia Jordan Weller, as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the instrument(s) herewith set out as same appear(s) of record in said Court.

Witness my hand this 11th day of December, 2017.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Jordan Weller".

**Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama**

cc:

Roman A. Shaul  
Montgomery County Circuit Clerk's Office  
Steven Marshall  
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