

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, et al.,)	
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Plaintiffs,)	
)	
-vs-)	Case No. CIV-21-1136-F
)	
JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his)	
official capacity as President of the)	
United States, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES AND COUNSEL

The court discloses for the record, and for consideration of the parties, the facts described below, relating to the undersigned judge.

The parties are advised that the undersigned district judge has a son who is an officer on full-time active duty in the United States Air Force (regular Air Force). His duties are operational rather than legal or medical in nature. There is no nexus between his duties and the subject matter of this case. For that reason, this situation does not amount to a relationship, or implicate any other interest, within the scope of 28 U.S.C. § 455(b). However, it is conceivable that the circumstances described in this notice are such that one of more of the parties to this action may be of the opinion that the impartiality of the undersigned might reasonably be questioned, within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 455(a). For that reason, and out of an abundance of caution, the undersigned, by this notice, implements the remittal process recommended by the Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct. Any party which may wish to object to the continued participation in this case by the

undersigned shall orally so inform the Clerk of Court, Carmelita Reeder Shinn (or, in her absence, Chief Deputy William Pigott), of that fact as provided below. Any such objection on the part of the plaintiffs shall be communicated as set forth above not later than 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2021. Any such objection on the part of the defendants shall be communicated as set forth above not later than 2:00 p.m. on the fifth calendar day after proof of service of this notice on the defendants (in all respects compliant with the requirements of Rule 4, Fed. R. Civ. P.) is filed in this case.

The Clerk of Court or the Chief Deputy is instructed not to inform the undersigned of the identity of any objecting party, but simply (and promptly) to inform the court if any objection is received. If any party timely notifies the Clerk of Court or the Chief Deputy of an objection, the undersigned will recuse and the case will be returned to the draw for random reassignment to another judge.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2021.


STEPHEN P. FRIOT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE