

MAINE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Alex Titcomb, et al.,

v.

Shenna Bellows

"X" the court for filing:

☒ Superior Court ☐ District Court☐ Unified Criminal Docket

County: Cumberland

Location (Town): Portland

Docket No.: AP-25-15

NOTICE OF APPEAL

☒ CIVIL ☐ CRIMINAL

I, (name of party appealing), Alex Titcomb, et al., appeal from the judgment, order or ruling entered in this proceeding on (date of order appealed from - mm/dd/yyyy) 06/13/2025. Any party who wishes to be heard on this appeal must file an appearance.

☒ This is a civil appeal.☐ This case arises from the Maine Tort Claims Act requiring the clerk to send a copy of this Notice of Appeal to the Office of the Attorney General.☐ If this is a criminal appeal, check one of the following:

- ☐ The defendant is presently confined at _____
- ☐ The defendant is not in custody. The defendant's address is: _____

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- ☐ The Transcript Order form is attached.
- ☒ No transcript will be ordered.
- ☐ No electronic or other recording of the proceedings can be prepared for this civil case. Therefore, a statement in lieu of transcript will be prepared pursuant to M.R. App. P. 5(d).

Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 06/18/2025

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If attorney, bar number: 6619

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Date filed: 05/15/2025

CUMBERLAND
COUNTY

Justice John O'Neil

Docket No. AP-25-0015

Action: 80C Appeal

Alex Titcomb, Heather Sirocki,
Kevin Murphy, George Colby,
Randall Greenwood

Vs.

Shenna Bellows
Victoria Kornfield (Intervenor)
Lisa Buck (Intervenor)
DSCC (Intervenor)
DCCC (Intervenor)
The Democratic Governors Assoc.
(Intervenor)

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Date of Entry

2025

May 14 Received 05/12/2025
Petitioners Motion for Admission of Brandon Haase
As Visiting Counsel Pro Hac Vice with Proposed Order filed.
Petition for Review of Final Agency Action filed
Filing Fee Paid

May 15 Received 05/13/2025
Consented to Motion to Expedite Filing of Administrative Record
Briefing Schedule with Proposed Order
Acceptance of Service by Attorney General's Office

May 15 On 5/15/25.
Sent to Justice O'Neil for Motion for Admission and Motion to
Expedite review.

May 19 Received 5/16/25.
Entry of appearance of Jonathan Bolton AG obo Shenna Bellows filed.
" " Agency record filed.

May 22 Received 5/20/25.
Motion to Intervene on behalf of Victoria Kornfield, Lisa Buck, DSCC,
DCCC, and The Democratic Governors Association filed.
" " Proposed Intervenor-Defendants' Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice
with proposed order filed.

May 23 On 5/23/25
File returned.

" " Received 5/23/25.
Order on Petitioners' Motion for Admission of Brandon Haase as
Visiting Counsel Pro Hac Vice filed (Justice O'Neil 5/23/25)
After consideration of the motion by Petitioners Alex Titcom, Heather
Murphy, George Colby and Randall Greenwood for Admission of
Brandon Haase as Visiting Counsel Pro Hac Vice, it is hereby
granted.
Copies to counsel/parties 5/23/25

" " Received 5/23/25.
Order on Consented-to Motion to Expedite Filing of Administrative
Record and Briefing Schedule filed. (Justice O'Neil 5/23/25)
It is Ordered that the above-captioned action will proceed according to the
Following expedited schedule:
1. Respondent will file the administrative record by 5/16/25.
2. Petitioners will file their brief by 5/23/25.
3. Respondent will file her brief by 6/3/25.
4. Petitioners will file their reply by 6/9/25.

May 23 Received 5/23/25 cont'd
The Clerk shall incorporate this Order into the docket pursuant to
Maine Rules of Civil Procedure 79(a).
Copies to counsel/parties 5/23/25.

" " Received 5/23/25
Petitioners' Brief Requesting Reversal of the Secretary of State's
Decision filed.

June 3 Received 6/3/25.
Response Brief of Intervenor-Defendants Victoria Kornfield, Lisa Buck,
DSCC, DCCC and The Democratic Governors Association filed.

" " Secretary of State's Rule 80C Brief filed.

June 10 Received 6/9/25.
Petitioners' Reply Brief filed.

" " On 6/10/25.
Sent to Justice O'Neil for review.

June 13 On 6/13/25.
File returned.

" " Received 6/13/25.
Order on Proposed Intervenor-Defendants' Motion for Admission of
Counsel Pro Hac Vice filed. (Justice O'Neil signed 6/13/25)
The motion is granted. It is further ordered that Aria C. Branch, Christopher D.
Dodge and Omeed Alerasoo be admitted pro hac vice in the above-captioned
matter, and that this Order constitutes their entries of appearance on behalf of
Proposed Intervenor-Defendants Victoria Kornfield, Lisa Buck, DSCC, DCCC
And the Democratic Governors Association. The Clerk shall incorporate tis
Order by reference pursuant to M.R.Civ.P. 79(a).
Copies to counsel via email and hard copy 6/13/25.

" " Received 6/13/25.
Order on Motion to Intervene on Behalf of Victoria Kornfield, Lisa Buck,
DSCC, DCCC and the Democratic Governors Association filed.
(Justice O'Neil signed 6/13/25)
The Motion is hereby granted. It is further ordered that Intervenor's proposed

June 13 Received 6/13/25 continued.
Responsive pleading shall be deemed filed and noted on the docket pursuant to
M.R.Civ.P. 79(a).
Copies to counsel via email and hard copy 6/13/25.

" " Received 6/13/25
Decision filed. (Justice O'Neil signed 6/13/25)
Petitioners' Appeal is DENIED. The Secretary's decision regarding the final
wording of the ballot question is AFFIRMED.
Copies to counsel via email and hard copy 6/13/25.

June 18 Received 6/16/25.
Copies of Order on Consented-to Motion to Expedited Filing of Administrative
Record and Order on Petitioners' Motion for Admission of Brandon Haase
As Visiting Counsel Pro Hac Vice dated 5/23/25 mailed Patrick Strawbridge, Esq
returned undeliverable; remailed 6/18/25.

June 18 Received 6/18/25.
Petitioners' Notice of Appeal to the Law Court.
Filing fee paid.

" " On 6/18/25.
Copies of Notice of Appeal, appeals cover sheet and Superior Court docket
entries emailed to the Law Court.

" " Copies of Notice of Appeal mailed counsel of record.