

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY**

<b>In re:</b>	)	<b>Case Nos.:</b>	CL 2007-248724,
<b>Multi-Circuit Episcopal Church Litigation</b>	)		CL 2006-15792,
	)		CL 2006-15793,
	)		CL 2007-556,
	)		CL 2007-1235,
	)		CL 2007-1236,
	)		CL 2007-1237,
	)		CL 2007-1238,
	)		CL 2007-1625,
	)		CL 2007-5249,
	)		CL 2007-5250,
	)		CL 2007-5362,
	)		CL 2007-5363,
	)		CL 2007-5364,
	)		CL 2007-5682,
	)		CL 2007-5683,
	)		CL 2007-5684,
	)		CL 2007-5685,
	)		CL 2007-5686,
	)		CL 2007-5902,
	)		CL 2007-5903, and
	)		CL 2007-11514

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Court on January 25, 2008, on the motion of the Commonwealth of Virginia ex rel. Robert F. McDonnell in his official capacity as Attorney General, to intervene for purposes of defending the constitutionality of *Virginia Code* § 57-9. Upon consideration of the motion, the memoranda submitted by the parties, and the arguments of counsel, the Court, for the reasons stated from the bench, **ORDERS** the following:

1. The Commonwealth of Virginia is **GRANTED** status as amicus curiae. The Court will consider the Commonwealth's Brief of January 11, 2008. If the Court allows additional briefing on the constitutionality of § 57-9, the Commonwealth may file additional briefs.

2. The Commonwealth of Virginia will be **PERMITTED** to participate in all oral arguments involving the constitutionality of § 57-9.

3. The Court's Ruling on the Commonwealth of Virginia's Motion to Intervene is **DEFERRED** until the Court renders a decision on the merits.

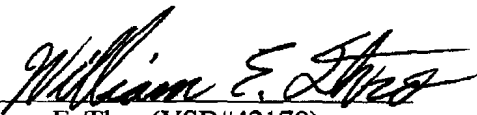
4. Without waiving their untimeliness argument in paragraph 5 of their Memorandum in Opposition, the Episcopal Church and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia agree not to assert that argument with respect to the period of time between January 25, 2008 and whenever the Court ends its deferral ordered in Paragraph 3 above.

Entered this 26 day of February, 2008.

  
Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows

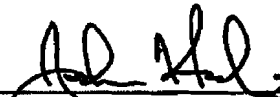
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