LAKE VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 of Phillips County, Arkansas, et al. v. Governor Mike HUCKABEE, et al.

01-836

142 S.W.3d 643

Supreme Court of Arkansas Opinion delivered January 22, 2004

- APPEAL & ERROR MANDATE RECALLED MASTER TO BE APPOINTED. Because of noncompliance with its November 22, 2002, opinion in the matter, the supreme court recalled its mandate in the case, declaring that it would appoint a master, whose responsibilities would be delineated by per curiam.
- 2. COURTS JURISDICTION SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER & DECIDE WHAT REMEDY OR WRIT WOULD BE PROPER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE. Where, under Ark. Const. Amend 80, § 2(E), the supreme court has the power to issue and determine any and all writs necessary in aid of its jurisdiction and to delegate to its several justices the power to issue such writs, the court announced that it would consider and decide what remedy or writ would be proper to assure compliance with its November 22, 2002, opinion.

Mandate recalled; Master to be appointed.

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Mitchell, Blackstock, Barnes, Wagoner, Ivers & Sneddon, by: Clayton R. Blackstock and Mark Burnette, for amicus curiae Arkansas Education Association.

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PER CURIAM. [1, 2] Because of noncompliance with the November 21, 2002, opinion of this court, we recall our mandate in this case forthwith. This court will appoint a master, whom we will name, and we will delineate his or her responsibilities by per curiam. Under Amendment 80, § 2(E), this court has the power to issue and determine any and all writs necessary in aid of its jurisdiction and to delegate to its several justices the power to issue such writs. This court will consider and decide what remedy or writ is proper to assure compliance.

SPECIAL JUSTICE CAROL DALBY joins.

Hannah, J., concurs.

IMBER, J., not participating.

Im Hannah, Justice, concurring. Because this court certainly has jurisdiction to recall its mandate, and because it is apparent that a noncompliance hearing is going to be held, I concur. However, I do not see that it matters whether that hearing occurs at the circuit court level where the new action is currently pending or as a result of recalling the mandate. I am concerned about the precedent we may be setting.