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CAPTION

Faith Genser and Frank Matis

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Butler County Board of Elections, Republican National Committee, Republican Party of Pennsylvania, and The Pennsylvania Democratic Party

Appeal of: Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Order Granting Petition for Allowance of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Journal Number: J-82A-2024 September 26, 2024

Case Category: Election Case Type(s): Election

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SUPREME COURT INFORMATION

the Order of the Commonwealth Court entered September 5, 2024, at No. Appeal From:

1074 CD 2024, Reversing the Order of the Court of Common Pleas of

Butler County entered August16, 2024, at No. MSD-2024-40116.

Probable Jurisdiction Noted: Docketed Date: September 20, 2024

Allocatur/Miscellaneous Granted: September 20, 2024 Allocatur/Miscellaneous Docket No.: 240 WAL 2024

AND NOW, this 20th day of September, 2024, the Butler County Board of Allocatur/Miscellaneous Grant Order: Elections' Petition for Allowance of Appeal at Nos. 242 WAL 2024 and 243 WAL 2024 is DENIED. The Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania's Petition for Allowance of Appeal at Nos. 240 WAL 2024 and 241 WAL 2024 is GRANTED with respect to the following issues:

- 1. Whether, contrary to this Court's binding precedent in Pennsylvania Democratic Party v. Boockvar, 238 A.3d 345, 352 (Pa. 2020), the Commonwealth Court improperly usurped the authority of the General Assembly by effectively rewriting the Election Code to engage in court-mandated curing when it held that a voter is entitled to submit a provisional ballot and have that provisional ballot counted in the election tally after the voter has timely submitted a defective absentee or mail-in ballot, contrary to the Election Code.
- 2. Whether the Commonwealth Court erred in holding that, due to purported ambiguities in the Election Code, the Butler County Board of Elections is required to count a provisional ballot cast by an elector who received a mail-in ballot and delivered the mail-in ballot to the county board of elections without the required secrecy envelope, despite the language of 25 P.S. § 3050 (a.4)(5)(ii)(F), which provides that a provisional ballot shall not be counted if the elector's absentee ballot or mail-in ballot is timely received by a county board of elections.

The Republican National Committee and Republican Party of Pennsylvania's Petition for Allowance of Appeal is DENIED as to all other issues.

Petitioners' brief shall be filed on or before Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Respondents and any amici shall file their briefs on or before Thursday, September, 26, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. No reply brief will be permitted. This matter will be submitted on the briefs without oral argument.

FEE INFORMATION

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INTERMEDIATE APPELLATE COURT INFORMATION

Court Name: Commonwealth 1074 CD 2024 **Docket Number:**

Date of Order: September 5, 2024 Reard/Recon Disp Date:

Rearg/Recon Disposition:

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> Dumas. Lori A. Wolf, Matthew S.

Intermediate Appellate Court Action: Reversed.

Referring Court:

AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Court Below: **Butler County Court of Common Pleas**

County: Butler Division: Butler County Civil Division

Date of Agency/Trial Court Order: August 16, 2024

Docket Number: MSD-2024-40116

Yeager, S. Michael Judge(s): OTN:



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Amicus Curiae Appellee

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Genser, Faith **America First Legal Foundation**

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Ward, Kim Brief

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Republican National Committee

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DISPOSITION INFORMATION

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Disposition: Disposition Date: October 23, 2024

Dispositional Filing: Majority Opinion Author: Donohue, Christine

Filed Date: October 23, 2024

Justice:Todd, DebraVote:Join Majority OpinionJustice:Dougherty, Kevin M.Vote:Join Majority OpinionJustice:McCaffery, Daniel D.Vote:Join Majority Opinion

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			Pennsylvania
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September 24, 2024	Legislative Leaders Brief in	n Support of Appellants	
		Amicus Curiae	Cutler, Bryan
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		Appellant	Republican Party of Pennsylvania
		Appellant	Republican National Committee
October 11, 2024	Order Granting Application to be	Admitted Pro Hace Vice for	-
Comments			Ceraso, Betsy
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October 11, 2024	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
October 11, 2024	Order Granting Application to be	Admitted Pro Hac Vice for A	Attorney Baxenberg
			Ceraso, Betsy
Comments: AND NOW, this 11t is GRANTED.	h day of October, 2024, the applica	ation for the admission pro	hac vice of Justine M. Baxenberg, Esq
October 11, 2024	Order Exited		
			Office of the Prothonotary
October 11, 2024	Order Granting Application to be	Admitted Pro Hac Vice for A	Attorney Medina
			Ceraso, Betsy
Comments: AND NOW, this 11t GRANTED.	th day of October, 2024, the applic	ation for the admission pro	hac vice of Richard A. Medina, Esq. is
October 11, 2024	Order Exited		
·			Office of the Prothonotary
October 23, 2024	Order Granting Application to Ar	nend	
•	2		Per Curiam
Comments: AND NOW, this 23	Brd day of October, 2024, the App	plication for Leave to File	Amended Amicus Curiae Brief filed by

AND NOW, this 23rd day of October, 2024, the Application for Leave to File Amended Amicus Curiae Brief filed by Restoring Integrity and Trust in Elections (RITE) is hereby GRANTED. The Prothonotary is DIRECTED to docket the Amended Amicus Brief attached to RITE's application.

October 23, 2024 Affirmed

Donohue, Christine

Comments:

For the reasons stated above, we affirm the Commonwealth Court's order directing the Board to count Electors' provisional ballots.

Chief Justice Todd and Justices Dougherty and McCaffery join the opinion.

Justice Dougherty files a concurring opinion.

Justice Mundy files a dissenting opinion.

Justice Brobson files a dissenting opinion in which Justices Wecht and Mundy join.

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Office of the Prothonotary



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			Office of the Prothonotary
October 25, 2024	Appellants' Application for Stay or, in the Alternative, Modification of October 23, 2024 Judgment		
	-	Appellant	Republican Party of
			Pennsylvania
		Appellant	Republican National Committee
October 27, 2024	PA Democratic Party Answer to 10/23/24 Judgment	Appellants' Application for S	Stay or Modification of
		Appellee	The Pennsylvania Democratic
			Party
October 27, 2024	No Answer Email from Butler County Bd. of Elections re: Application for Relief		
		Appellee	Butler County Board of Elections
October 27, 2024	Dept. of State App. for Leave to File Amicus Brief		
		Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Department of
			State
		Amicus Curiae	Schmidt, Al
October 27, 2024	Genser & Matis Answer to Appe Judgment	llants' Application for Stay o	or Modification of 10/23/24
		Appellee	Genser, Faith
		Appellee	Matis, Frank
October 28, 2024	Order Denying Application for S	tay/Modification; Granting L	eave to File Amicus Brief
			Per Curiam
Comments:			

Comments:

AND NOW, this 28th day of October, 2024, the Application for Leave to File Amicus Brief filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and Department of State is hereby GRANTED. The Prothonotary is DIRECTED to docket the Amicus Brief attached to the

application.

The Application for Stay or, in the Alternative, Modification of October 23, 2024 Judgment is hereby DENIED. Justice Mundy dissents.

October 28, 2024	Order Exited		
		Office of the Prothonotary	
October 28, 2024	Amicus Curiae Brief in Opposition to Application for Stay		
	Amicus Curiae	Pennsylvania Department of State	
	Amicus Curiae	Schmidt, Al	
October 31, 2024	Acknowledgement of Record Remittal		
		Butler County Civil Division	
January 21, 2025	Petition for Writ of Certiorari		
		Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court	
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		Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court	



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