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CAPTION

Jane Ladley and Christopher Meier,

Appellants

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Pennsylvania State Education Association

CASE INFORMATION

Initiating Document: Notice of Appeal

Case Status: Closed

Case Processing Status: March 8, 2022 Completed

Journal Number: 34-12-2019

Case Category: Civil Case Type(s): Declaratory Judgment

CONSOLIDATED CASES RELATED CASES

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07/23/2019	Petition for Reargument	15.00 07/24/2019	2019-CMW-H-001570	15.00

AGENCY/TRIAL COURT INFORMATION

Order Appealed From: October 29, 2018 Notice of Appeal Filed: November 28, 2018

Order Type: Order Dated

Documents Received: February 13, 2019

Court Below: Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas

County: Lancaster Division: Lancaster County Civil Division

Judge: Brown, Leonard G., III OTN:

Docket Number: CI-14-08552 Judicial District: 02

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County: Division: Judge: OTN:

Docket Number: Superior Court No. 1942 MDA 2018 Judicial District:

ORIGINAL RECORD CONTENT

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Trial Court Record February 14, 2019

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Amended Brief



BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Appellant Appellee

Ladley, Jane Pennsylvania State Education Association

Brief

Due: August 8, 2019 Filed: August 8, 2019 Due: April 29, 2019 Filed: April 26, 2019

Brief

Due: March 27, 2019 Filed: March 27, 2019

Reply Brief

Due: Filed: May 10, 2019
Due: August 8, 2019
Filed: August 8, 2019

Reproduced Record

Due: March 27, 2019 Filed: March 27, 2019

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November 28, 2018	Notice of Appeal Filed			
	Ladley, Jane & Christopher Meier		Appellant	
	Ladley, Jane		Appellant	
	Meier, Christopher		Appellant	
January 2, 2019	Order - Transfer to Commonwealth	Court		01/02/2019
	Superior Court of Pennsylvania			
February 13, 2019	Transfer from Another Court			02/13/2019
	Commonwealth Court			
Document Name:	Case was transferred from 1942 MD	DA 2018		
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February 14, 2019	Trial Court Record Received			
	Lancaster County Court of			
	Common Pleas			
February 15, 2019	Notice of Docketing Appeal Exited			02/15/2019
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	Office			
February 15, 2019	Briefing Schedule Issued			
	Commonwealth Court Filing			
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February 25, 2019	Docketing Statement Filed			
	Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane	Appellant	
	Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant	
February 25, 2019	Designation of Contents of Reprodu	iced Record		
	Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane	Appellant	
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Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
Appellee's Brief Filed				
Pennsylvania State Education		Appellee		
Association				
Application to Strike				
Scott, Thomas W.	Pennsylvania State Educat	ion Assoc Appellee		
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Scott, Thomas W.	Pennsylvania State Educat	ion Assoc Appellee		
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Tentative Session Date				
Krimmel, Michael				
September 2019 (Harrisburg)				
Appellant's Reply Brief				
Ladley, Jane		Appellant		
Answer to Application to Strike				
Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane	Appellant		
Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
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	Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane & Christopher Meier	Appellant		
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Document Name:	Notice of Constitutional Challenge				
June 24, 2019	Filed - Other				
	Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane	Appellant		
	Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
	Miller, Justin Thomas	Ladley, Jane	Appellant		
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	Miller, Justin Thomas	Ladley, Jane & Christopher Meier	Appellant		
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	Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
Document Name:	Amended				
August 12, 2019	Tentative Session Date				
	Krimmel, Michael				
Document Name:	December 2019 (Harrisburg)				
October 23, 2019	Argument Scheduled			10/23/2019	
	Krimmel, Michael				
	Wednesday, 12-11-19, 9:30 am, En Banc, CR 5001, PJC, HBG. No. 34 on list.				
Comment:	Please file 4 additional copies o appellee's brief with the court within	f appellant's amended brief, appel n 10 days of this notice.	ant's amended reply	/ brief, the RR, and	
January 23, 2020	Application for Relief				
	Scott, Thomas W.	Pennsylvania State Education Asso	c Appellee		
Document Name:	${\bf Application\ of\ Appellee,\ PSEA,\ For}$	Leave to File Post-Submission Comm	nunication		
June 1, 2020	Letter				
	Osborne, David Randel	Ladley, Jane	Appellant		
	Osborne, David Randel	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
Document Name:	Update of Contact Information				
June 25, 2020	Application for Post-Submission Communication				
	Scott, Thomas W.	Pennsylvania State Education Asso	c Appellee		
Document Name:	Application for Leave Pursuant to Pa. R.A.P. 123, filed by Appellee PSEA for leave to File				
Comment:	Post-Submission Communication P	Pursuant to Pa. R.A.P. 2501(a)			
January 6, 2021	Praecipe for Withdrawal of Appeara	nce			
	Miller, Justin Thomas	Ladley, Jane & Christopher Meier	Appellant		
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January 11, 2021	Entry of Appearance				
	McGrath, Nathan John	Ladley, Jane	Appellant		
	McGrath, Nathan John	Meier, Christopher	Appellant		
March 9, 2021	Letter				
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Document Name:	Opinion (17 pages)			
Comment:	Lancaster County (trial countries the trial court shall determine the trial court shall determine to 42 U.S costs in this action. In more than the conclusions of law. The Application for Least Education Association (Pauthority pursuant to Pa.R. The Application for Least 1997.	of January, 2022, the October 29 purt) is REVERSED and the matter rmine whether Jane Ladley and .C. §1988 and, if so, whether the taking this determination, the trial citutional claims and enter an apparent to File Post-Submission Cosea) on January 23, 2020, nar A.P. 2501(a), is hereby GRANTED. We to File Post-Submission Compount with supplemental legal authorized and the court with supplemental legal authorized.	er is REMANDED to the trice Christopher Meier (Teacher by are entitled to reasonable court shall render a decision propriate order reflecting its emmunication filed by the mely to provide the Court munication filed by PSEA	al court. On remand rs) are the prevailing e attorney's fees and on with regard to the findings of fact and Pennsylvania State with additional legation on June 25, 2020
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Journal Number: 34-12-2019
Consideration Type: En Banc Argument
Listed/Submitted Date: December 11, 2019

Panel Composition:

The Honorable Mary Hannah Leavitt President Judge

The Honorable Renee Cohn Jubelirer

The Honorable Patricia McCullough

The Honorable Anne E. Covey

Judge

The Honorable Christine Fizzano Cannon

Judge

The Honorable Ellen Ceisler

Judge

The Honorable P. Kevin Brobson

Judge

DISPOSITION INFORMATION

Final Disposition: Yes

Related Journal No: Judgment Date:

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Disposition Comment:

AND NOW, this 4th day of January, 2022, the October 29, 2018 order of the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County (trial court) is REVERSED and the matter is REMANDED to the trial court. On remand, the trial court shall determine whether Jane Ladley and Christopher Meier (Teachers) are the prevailing party pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1988 and, if so, whether they are entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in this action. In making this determination, the trial court shall render a decision with regard to the merits of Teachers' constitutional claims and enter an appropriate order reflecting its findings of fact and conclusions of law.

The Application for Leave to File Post-Submission Communication filed by the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA) on January 23, 2020, namely to provide the Court with additional legal authority pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 2501(a), is hereby GRANTED.

The Application for Leave to File Post-Submission Communication filed by PSEA on June 25, 2020, namely to provide the Court with supplemental legal authority pursuant to Pa.R.A.P. 2501(a), is hereby

GRANTED.

Jurisdiction relinquished.

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McCullough, Patricia

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