

April 30th a federal court hears the constitutionality arguments about the "emergency" manager law. Finally!

See details below.

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NLG attorneys, including Bill Goodman and Julie Hurwitz, and Sugar Law Legal Director John Philo, are scheduled to argue the U.S. Constitution-based challenges to Michigan's Emergency Manager law before U.S. District Court Judge George Steeh next Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., in Courtroom 236 of the Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W. Lafayette, in downtown Detroit.Â Please spread the word, as there are a lot of people very interested in these issues and we want to have a good turn-out.

The federal law legal challenges being posed to the E.M. law are:

1. Substantive Due Process for depriving plaintiffs of a constitutionally guaranteed republican form of government and the right to be governed by those who we actually elect, rather than by a unilaterally appointed emergency manager accountable to no one except the executive branch of the state;
2. Equal Protection for intentionally creating a group of municipalities that have been targeted because of their racial and/or economic demographics subject to a strict scrutiny analysis
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to petition our government, through the electoral process;
4. 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment disenfranchisement of the majority of African Americans in the State of Michigan to the point of invoking vestiges of slavery; and
5. Voting Rights Act

Please keep in mind that Snyder and Orr and their lawyers have wasted hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars as they have fought tooth and nail to stall or sabotage to prevent this case from going forward. For example:

- Snyder and Orr opposed the lifting of the bankruptcy stay: we won;
- Snyder and Orr filed motion for reconsideration: we won;
- Snyder and Orr filed motion in bankruptcy court to stay our case while they appealed: we won in front of Judge Rhodes;
- Snyder and Orr filed motion in district court to stay our case while they appealed: we won in front of Judge Friedman;
- Snyder and Orr have now both appealed to the district court (Judge Friedman): Judge Friedman has stayed the appeal pending the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruling on the overall appeal to the validity of the bankruptcy in total;

6. Now, yesterday (April 24), the State has filed yet another motion to stay our case (in front of Judge Steeh) for as long as their appeal (in front of Judge Friedman) is stayed.

We are very hopeful that Judge Steeh will allow this lawsuit to go forward, and that he will rule that Michigan's E. M. law violated the federal constitution and/or the Voting Rights Act. We hope to see you in Court on Wednesday.

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- Venture Capitalist Chamath Palihapitiya, quoted in "A Tale of Two Cities" by Laurie Penny  
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