

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS OF OHIO
FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT
ATHENS COUNTY

STATE OF OHIO, ex rel. Margarita	:	
Nguyen, et al.,	:	
	:	CASE NO.: 24CA0011
Relators,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	
	:	
Opha Lawson, et al.,	:	
	:	
Respondents.	:	

AFFIDAVIT OF JONATHAN E. ROBE

STATE OF OHIO	)	SS.
	)	
COUNTY OF ATHENS	)	

Being first duly sworn upon oath, Jonathan E. Robe, the undersigned affiant, states of his personal knowledge as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and have personal knowledge of the matters contained within this affidavit.
2. I currently serve as City Attorney for the City of Nelsonville, Ohio on a one-year contract running from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.
3. I'm counsel of record for Third Party City of Nelsonville in this case. *See* Notice of Appearance (filed April 29, 2024).
4. On or about May 16, 2025, Relators filed their brief titled "Petitioner's Merit Brief." *See* Merits Br. (filed May 16, 2025).
5. The Certificate of Service for Relators' Merits Brief certifies a service copy of the Merits Brief was served on me either by email or U.S. Mail. *See* Merits Br. at Cert. of Serv.
6. As of the date and time of the execution of this Affidavit, I haven't been served with a copy of the Merits Brief, either by email or by mail.



7. The only reason I'm even aware the Merits Brief was filed was because on the afternoon of May 20, 2025, I checked the online docket entries for this case and noticed "Petitioner's Merit Brief Filing" had been docketed by the Clerk. A Deputy Clerk at the Athens County Clerk of Courts was kind enough to provide me with a copy of the filing. I then provided a copy to Mr. Thomas N. Spyker, Esq.
8. As City Attorney I'm not permitted or allowed to disclose any of the City's privileged material and information. Thus, by submitting this Affidavit, I'm not offering myself as a material witness in this case in any way. Rather, I'm submitting this Affidavit in my capacity as an officer of this Court to report to this Court an issue pertaining to service of filings.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

May 28, 2025
12:00 p.m.

Jonathan E. Robe

JONATHAN E. ROBE

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 28th day of May, 2025.



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My Commission Expires: 2-15-30