

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, PART III
AT NASHVILLE

CLATA RENEE BREWER; JAMES)
HAMMOND; THE TENNESSEE)
FIREARMS ASSOCIATION, INC.;)
MICHAEL P. LEAHY; STAR NEWS)
DIGITAL MEDIA, INC.; THE)
TENNESSEAN; RACHEL WEGNER;)
and TODD GARDENHIRE in his)
individual capacity;)

Petitioners,)

vs.)

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT)
OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON)
COUNTY;)

Respondent,)

PARENTS OF MINOR COVENANT)
STUDENTS JANE DOE AND JOHN)
DOE; THE COVENANT SCHOOL;)
And COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN)
CHURCH;)

Intervenors.)

Case No. 23-0538-III
CONSOLIDATED

****controlling case****

CHANCELLOR’S ORDER ON SCHEDULING, *IN CAMERA REVIEW* INSPECTION,
BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND SHOW CAUSE HEARING

This cause came to be heard by this Honorable Court on January 29, 2024 on a Motion to Set filed by Petitioner Clata Renee Brewer’s (“Brewer”). The motion was not opposed by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Metro”) or Intervenors. Petitioner Brewer also filed her renewed Motion to Remove Restrictions put in place by this Court. After discussion of the status of the case, the Motion to Remove Restrictions was **DENIED**. The Parties are hereby instructed to meet and confer to decide how to describe the documents in briefs and at the

show cause hearing. Should the Parties be unable to reach an agreement on how to reference the documents which are the subject of the Tennessee Public Records Act request, the Petitioners are instructed to refer to the documents at issue in this case as they have referenced them in their original individual Tennessee Public Records Act requests to the Respondent.

To ensure that the parties are given adequate time to present their argument, the Court has adopted the following schedule and procedure for the efficiency of the case.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING DATES AND TIMES:

The Motion to Set a Show Cause hearing is **GRANTED**. The Show Cause hearing is hereby set to be heard on **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** as agreed upon by all Parties. The hearing will continue to **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, if necessary.

BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

The following briefing schedule shall be in effect for any party desiring to file briefs in this matter:

By **March 1, 2024**, the Respondent, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, may file any supplemental briefs, affidavits and/or declarations in response to the original Tennessee Public Records Act requests filed by the collective Petitioners. The Respondent shall identify for the Court the specific exemptions, if they have not already, which they rely upon for the subject matter in this case. If there has been any change in the status of the investigation relevant to the subject matter at issue in this case, the Respondent shall promptly update this Court. If there are any changes to the status of the investigation after March 1, 2024 and prior to April 16, 2024, Respondent is further **ORDERED** to notify the Court via a Notice of Filing with affidavits concerning the same.

By **March 11, 2024**, the Intervenors may file any supplemental briefs, affidavits and/or declarations in response to the original Tennessee Public Records Act requests filed by the collective Petitioners.

By **March 18, 2024**, Petitioners may file any supplemental briefs, affidavits and/or declarations in response to any supplemental pleadings filed by the Respondent and Intervenors.

By **March 25, 2024**, Respondent may file any briefs in response to the Petitioners' supplemental briefs. **This will close ALL briefings in this matter**, with the exception of the updates as set forth for the Respondent above.

IN CAMERA REVIEW:

The Court has received, pursuant to previous orders of this Court, the documents which are the subject of the specific requests of the Petitioners. By March 1, 2024, The Respondent is **ORDERED** to provide for the Court's *in camera review* **ONLY**, any updated documents which may be at issue in this case and any proposed redactions to the requested records that have not already been presented to the Court. Respondent is further **ORDERED**, to provide for the Court's *in camera review* **ONLY**, any materials that will assist the Court in reviewing the documents at issue in this case.

Any such documents shall be presented to Chancery Court Part III for *in camera review* **ONLY**. These documents shall not be filed with Court, but instead submitted to the Part III Calendar Clerk, Ms. Jessica Taylor, in the Clerk and Master's office on **no later than March 1, 2024**. The documents must be in a sealed envelope with a copy of this Order attached to the front of the sealed envelope.

The Show Cause hearing will be a non-evidentiary hearing based on the declarations presented and arguments of Counsel. Should any party choose to request this matter be heard upon live testimony, compliance with the local rules of procedure for the Twentieth Judicial District of Tennessee shall be strictly required.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/I'Ashea L. Myles
**HON. CHANCELLOR I'ASHEA L. MYLES,
CHANCERY COURT PART III**

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