

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

MAXWELL KADEL; JASON FLECK;
CONNOR THONEN-FLECK; JULIA
MCKEOWN; MICHAEL D. BUNTING, JR.;
C.B., by his next friends and parents,
MICHAEL D. BUNTING, JR. and SHELLEY
K. BUNTING; SAM SILVAINE; and DANA
CARAWAY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DALE FOLWELL, in his official capacity as
State Treasurer of North Carolina; DEE
JONES, in her official capacity as Executive
Administrator of the North Carolina State
Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees;
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT
CHAPEL HILL; NORTH CAROLINA
STATE UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF
NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO;
NORTH CAROLINA STATE HEALTH
PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE
EMPLOYEES, and STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00272

NOTICE OF SPECIAL APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Local Rule 83.1(d), please take notice of the special appearance of Omar Gonzalez-Pagan of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., as counsel of record for Plaintiff Dana Caraway in the above-captioned civil action. Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan remains counsel for all other plaintiffs, and notices this special appearance for Ms.

Caraway now that she is also a plaintiff in this action. *See* ECF No. 75 (Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint for Declaratory, Injunctive, and Other Relief).

Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan certifies that he is an active member in good standing of the State Bars of Massachusetts and New York. Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan further certifies that he understands that, by entering an appearance, he submits to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Court for any misconduct in connection with the above-captioned civil action for which he is specially appearing and that he will ensure that an attorney who is familiar with the case and has authority to control the litigation will be at all conferences, hearings, trials, and other proceedings.

Mr. Gonzalez-Pagan is appearing in the above-captioned civil action in association with Amy E. Richardson of Harris, Wiltshire & Grannis, LLP. Ms. Richardson is an active member in good standing of the bar of this Court. Ms. Richardson certifies that she will remain responsible to this Court for the conduct of the litigation and acknowledges that she must sign all pleadings and papers, except for certificates of service. Ms. Richardson further certifies she will be present during pretrial conferences, potentially dispositive proceedings, and at trial.

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Dated: March 23, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Omar Gonzalez-Pagan, hereby certify that on March 23, 2021, I electronically filed the foregoing NOTICE OF SPECIAL APPEARANCE with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, and have verified that such filing was sent electronically using the CM/ECF system to all parties who have appeared with an email address of record.

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