

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

BLACK VOTERS MATTER  
CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE,  
INC., et al.,

Petitioners,

v.

CORD BYRD, in his official  
capacity as Florida Secretary of  
State, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No.: SC22-685  
L.T. No.: 1D22-1470  
2022-ca-000666

**VERIFIED MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE  
PURSUANT TO FLORIDA RULE OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION  
2.510 BY ABHA KHANNA**

Abha Khanna, Movant herein, respectfully represents the following:

1. Movant resides in Seattle, Washington. Movant is not a resident of the State of Florida.

2. Movant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of Elias Law Group LLP, with offices at 10 G Street NE, Suite 600, Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone: (202) 968-4490 and 1700 Seventh Ave., Suite 2100, Seattle, WA 98101, Telephone: 206-656-0179.

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3. Movant has been retained as a member of the above-named law firm in April 2022, by Plaintiffs Black Voters Matter Capacity Building Institute, Inc., Equal Ground Education Fund, Inc., League of Women Voters of Florida, Inc., League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund, Inc., Florida Rising Together, Pastor Reginald Gundy, Sylvia Young, Phyllis Wiley, Andrea Hershorin, Anaydia Connolly, Brandon P. Nelson, Kisha Linebaugh, Beatriz Alonso, Gonzalo Alfredo Pedroso, and Ileana Caban, to provide legal representation in connection with the above-styled matter now pending before the above-named court of the State of Florida.

4. Movant is an active member in good standing and currently eligible to practice law in the following jurisdictions:

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Attorney/Bar Number</b>
New York	4585493
Washington	42612

5. A judicial officer or the entity responsible for attorney regulation has neither initiated disciplinary, suspension, disbarment, or contempt proceedings or disciplined, suspended, disbarred or held Movant, either by resignation, withdrawal, or

otherwise, never has terminated or attempted to terminate Movant's office as an attorney in order to avoid administrative, disciplinary, disbarment, or suspension proceedings.

6. Movant is not an inactive member of The Florida Bar.

7. Movant is not now a member of The Florida Bar.

8. Movant is not a suspended member of The Florida Bar.

9. Movant is not a disbarred member of The Florida Bar nor has Movant received a disciplinary resignation or disciplinary revocation from The Florida Bar.

10. Movant has not previously been disciplined or held in contempt by reason of misconduct committed while engaged in representation pursuant to Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.510.

11. Movant has not filed a motion to appear as counsel in a Florida state court during the past five (5) years.

12. Local counsel of record associated with Movant in this matter is Frederick S. Wermuth, Florida Bar No. 184111, who is an active member in good standing of The Florida Bar and has offices at KING, BLACKWELL, ZEHNDER & WERMUTH, P.A., 25 East Pine Street, Orlando, Orange County, Florida 32801, Telephone: (407) 422-2472.

13. Movant has read the applicable provisions of Florida Rule of Judicial Administration 2.510 and Rule 1-3.10 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar and certifies that this verified motion complies with those rules.

14. Movant agrees to comply with the provisions of the Florida Rules of Professional Conduct and consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and the Bar of the State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests permission to appear in this court for this cause only.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2022.

/s/ Abha Khanna  
Movant

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
COUNTY OF KING**

I, Abha Khanna, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the Movant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing Motion and know the contents thereof, and the contents are true of my own knowledge and belief.

/s/ Abha Khanna  
Movant

I hereby consent to be associated as local counsel of record in this cause pursuant to Florida Rule of General Practice and Judicial Administration 2.510.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2022.

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

I certify under Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.045 that this opposition brief is computer generated in 14-point Bookman Old Style.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 23, 2022 I electronically filed the foregoing using the State of Florida ePortal Filing System, which will serve an electronic copy to counsel in the Service List below. I further certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing motion was served by U.S. Mail to PHV Admissions, The Florida Bar, 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2333 accompanied by payment of \$250.00 filing fee made payable to The Florida Bar.

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