

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND)

SWORN STATEMENT OF
KARL S. BOWERS, JR.

1. My name is Karl S. "Butch" Bowers, Jr., and I submit this sworn statement freely and without any mental reservation.
2. I am currently an attorney in private practice in Columbia, S.C. From 2007-2008, I served as Special Counsel for Voting Matters with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. As Voting Counsel, I oversaw the activities of the Voting Section of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, and I provided policy and legal counsel on voting and election law matters to senior officials in the Justice Department.
3. In my capacity as Voting Counsel, I worked with J. Christian Adams, who was a career attorney in the Voting Section during that time, on several matters involving the enforcement of voting rights laws.
4. At all times in my experience working with Mr. Adams, he demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the race-neutral enforcement of voting rights laws. Mr. Adams was dedicated to the vigorous enforcement of voting rights laws on behalf of all voters, without regard to race, ethnicity, or geographic location. It was clear that upholding the rule of law was more important to Mr. Adams than the outcome of any case or investigation, regardless of his political views or personal beliefs.
5. In 2008 I worked with Mr. Adams on the case of United States v. Georgetown County School District. This case involved an all-white school board in Georgetown County, S.C., a county which had an African American population of almost 40%. Mr. Adams recommended filing suit against the County for violations of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act on the grounds that their at-large method of electing school board members impermissibly diluted the voting strength of African American citizens. Mr. Adams was a strong advocate for filing this suit and his recommendation was adopted, ultimately leading to the entry of a consent decree which incorporated a voting plan for Board elections that provided for seven single-member districts, three of which had majority-minority populations.
6. In addition, in 2008 I accompanied Mr. Adams and other career staff from the Voting Section to monitor the presidential primary election in Broward County, Florida. The Justice Department deployed us as monitors to Broward County to ensure the enforcement of voting rights laws on election day, particularly with regard to the rights of language minorities and African American voters. I monitored several polling places alongside Mr. Adams during this deployment, and at all times his conduct demonstrated his commitment to vigilant race-neutral enforcement of voting rights laws. Mr. Adams' professionalism, expertise, and hard work resulted in a direct and immediate positive impact on the protection of voting rights of language minorities and African American voters,

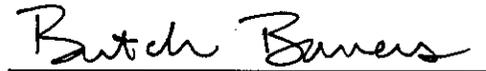
which in turn ensured them the free and unencumbered opportunity to exercise their franchise.

7. In my role as Voting Counsel, I quickly became familiar with the politically charged atmosphere among many of the career attorneys in the Civil Rights Division generally, and in the Voting Section in particular. While I had the privilege to work with many dedicated and responsible career attorneys in the Civil Rights Division during my tenure, it was apparent that many other career attorneys in the Division made decisions and recommendations that were driven not by the rule of law but by personal political and/or racial agendas designed to engineer specific results.

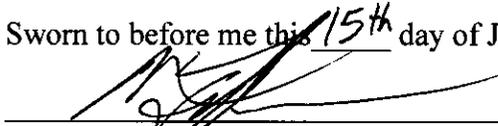
8. In my experience, there was a pervasive culture in the Civil Rights Division and within the Voting Section of apathy, and in some cases outright hostility, towards race-neutral enforcement of voting rights laws among large segments of career attorneys. On the other hand, there was at times almost rabid support for enforcement or appellate recommendations that lacked strong substantive legal support but happened to coincide with the political agendas of career attorneys and private activist advocacy groups.

This concludes my sworn personal statement.

July 15, 2010


KARL S. BOWERS, JR.

Sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 2010.



Notary Public for South Carolina

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