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Re: Case No. 14-3057, *James Obergefell, et al v. Theodore Wymyslo, et al*
Originating Case No. : 1:13-cv-00501

Dear Counsel,

The briefing schedule for this case is listed below. The briefs must be filed electronically with the Clerk's office no later than these dates. If the appellant's principal brief is filed late, the case is at risk of being dismissed for want of prosecution.

Citations in your brief to the lower court record must include (i) a **brief** description of the document, (ii) the record entry number and (iii) the "**Page ID #**" for the relevant pages. Consult 6 Cir. R. 28(a)(1) for additional information.

Appellant's Principal Brief Appendix (if required by 6th Cir. R. 30(a) and (c))	Filed electronically by April 10, 2014
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Appellee's Principal Brief Appendix (if required by 6th Cir. R. 30(a) and (c))	Filed electronically by May 13, 2014
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Appellant's Reply Brief (Optional Brief)	Filed electronically 17 days after the appellee's brief is filed. See Fed. R. App. P. 26(c)
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For most appeals, the Court will access directly the electronic record in the district court. However, to determine if this appeal requires an appendix and how to prepare it, read the latest version of the Sixth Circuit Rules at www.ca6.uscourts.gov, in particular Rules 28 and 30.

A party desiring oral argument must include a statement in the brief setting forth the reason(s) why oral argument should be heard. See 6 Cir. R. 34(a). If the docket entry for your brief indicates that you have requested oral argument but the statement itself is missing, you will be directed to file a corrected brief.

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Sincerely yours,

s/Cheryl Borkowski
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Enclosure

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- ___ Native PDF format strongly preferred
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- ___ Parties who have joined in a notice of appeal shall file a single brief. Fed. R. App. P. 3(b)(1).

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- ___ Sixth Circuit case number
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- ___ Title of case
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CONTENTS (Fed. R. App. P. 28, 6 Cir. R. 28):

- ___ Corporate Disclosure Form
- ___ Table of Contents
- ___ Table of Authorities with page references (with cases alphabetically arranged, statutes and other authorities)
- ___ **Statement in support of oral argument** (if there is no statement, argument is waived)
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- ___ Jurisdictional statement
- ___ Statement of issues
- ___ Statement of the case, setting out the relevant facts and history with references to the record

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Motion for Summary Judgment, RE 24, Page ID # 120-145
Transcript, RE 53, Page ID # 675-682
Plea Agreement, R. 44, Page ID # 220-225
A.R., RE 5, Page ID # 190-191, pp. 69-70

___ Summary of argument

___ Argument **with references to record and citations to case law, statutes and other authorities.** The preferred format is that references and citations appear in the body of the text and not in footnotes.

___ Standard of review (for each issue which may appear in discussion of each issue or under separate heading placed before discussion of issues)

___ Signed conclusion

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