

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ORANGE COUNTY  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT 18

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
26CV000945-670

DTH Media Corp. d/b/a *The Daily Tar* )  
*Heel*; Capitol Broadcasting Co., )  
Incorporated d/b/a WRAL-TV; The )  
McClatchy Company, LLC d/b/a *The* )  
*News & Observer*; States Newsroom )  
d/b/a *N.C. Newsline*; North Carolina )  
Longform Magazine, Inc. d/b/a *The* )  
*Assembly*; and Carolina Public Press, )  
Inc. d/b/a *Carolina Public Press*, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

Lee Harriss Roberts, in his official )  
capacity as Chancellor of the )  
University of North Carolina at )  
Chapel Hill; The University of North )  
Carolina at Chapel Hill; and Paul R. )  
Newton, in his official capacities as )  
Vice Chancellor and General Counsel )  
of the University of North Carolina at )  
Chapel Hill, )

Defendants. )

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

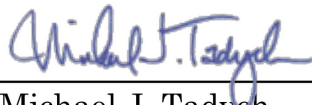
Plaintiffs DTH Media Corp. d/b/a *The Daily Tar Heel*, Capitol Broadcasting Co., Incorporated d/b/a WRAL-TV, The McClatchy Company, LLC d/b/a *The News & Observer*, States Newsroom d/b/a *N.C. Newsline*, North Carolina Longform Magazine, Inc. d/b/a *The Assembly*, and Carolina Public Press, Inc. d/b/a *Carolina Public Press*, by and through undersigned counsel of record and pursuant to Rule 3 of the North Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure, hereby give Notice of Appeal to the North Carolina Court of Appeals from the following:

1. The Order of the Honorable John M. Morris, Superior Court Judge, granting Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment and dismissing all of Plaintiffs' claims against the Defendants with prejudice, entered on 26 August 2026; and

2. The Order of the Honorable John M. Morris, Superior Court Judge, sealing the materials reviewed by the Court *in camera* when considering Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment, entered on 27 August 2026.

Respectfully submitted this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2026.

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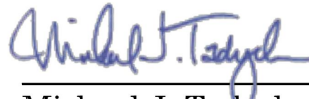
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