

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

**JAMES OBERGEFELL and
JOHN ARTHUR,**

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN KASICH, et al,

Defendants.

: Case No. 1:13-cv-501
:
: Magistrate Judge Stephanie K.
: Bowman
:
: DECLARATION OF LISA T.
: MEEKS IN SUPPORT OF
: REQUEST FOR ATTORNEY FEES
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I, Lisa T. Meeks, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, declare under the penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct.

1. I am one of the attorneys for the Plaintiffs in this case.
2. The work done by me was necessary work on the case.
3. The fees requested comport with and are reasonable in light of the factors contained in Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 insofar as they accurately reflect the time and labor required in the prosecution of this matter, the difficulty of the questions involved, the skill required to perform the work properly, comport with the fees customarily charged by others for similar legal services, and are appropriate in light of the results obtained.
4. In 1993 I graduated summa cum laude from Northern Kentucky University Chase School of Law and was admitted to practice that same year. I was an associate at Kircher, Robinson, Cook, Newman & Welch from 1993-1995 and an associate at Kircher, Robinson, Newman & Welch from 1995-1998. In 1998 I partnered with Robert B. Newman and started the practice of Newman & Meeks Co. LPA. We

concentrate our practice in civil rights, GLBT law, co-custody agreements for nontraditional families, employment, education law, family law, and personal injury law.

5. In the vast majority of my cases, including this case, my fee is contingent or dependent on success.
6. My billing rate is \$350. I was awarded fees at my prior billing rate of \$300 in *Prunty v. Solomon, et al.*, S.D. Ohio Case No. 1:09-cv-201 (Dlott, J. Feb. 1, 2010) (Doc. 20).
7. I exercised billing judgment at the time the work was recorded and did not record every short assignment, email, or phone call. I have reviewed each time entry and made a good faith effort to exclude hours that are excessive, redundant, or otherwise unnecessary. Thus, compensation is not sought for all the work performed. All time is entered on the case contemporaneous with the work done.
8. I request a fee award for the 10.90 hours of time I have spent on the case, as is outlined in Exhibit 1.

/s/ Lisa T. Meeks

Date: February 6, 2014

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Statement No: 1

Interim Statement

Fees

	Rate	Hours	
08/05/13			
LTM Telephone conference with co-counsel regarding trial strategy and division of responsibilities	350.00	1.00	350.00
LTM Telephone conference with potential expert witness; status email to co-counsel	350.00	0.10	35.00
08/07/13			
LTM review draft case management plan and stipulations	350.00	0.10	35.00
08/08/13			
LTM email review re experts; communication to potential expert	350.00	0.10	35.00
LTM Telephone conference with potential expert witness; send confirming email	350.00	0.10	35.00
08/09/13			
LTM review proposed order	350.00	0.50	175.00
08/13/13			
LTM Telephone conference with court	350.00	0.30	105.00
LTM meeting with co-counsel re strategy, division of tasks	350.00	0.80	280.00
08/15/13			
LTM review TRO transcript	350.00	0.30	105.00
LTM review legislative history HB234	350.00	1.10	385.00
08/27/13			
LTM review expert's presentation; telephone call to expert re affidavit	350.00	0.70	245.00
08/30/13			
LTM Telephone conference with court	350.00	0.10	35.00
LTM review status email; Telephone conference with Al re litigation issues	350.00	0.20	70.00
09/03/13			
LTM Telephone conference with court	350.00	0.10	35.00
09/25/13			
LTM attend court hearing	350.00	0.50	175.00

	Rate	Hours	
09/26/13			
LTM review amended complaint and expert declarations	350.00	1.80	630.00
10/07/13			
LTM review McKay affidavit	350.00	0.30	105.00
10/09/13			
LTM edit expert declaration	350.00	1.30	455.00
12/18/13			
LTM attend court hearing	350.00	1.50	525.00
		<u>10.90</u>	<u>3,815.00</u>
For Current Services Rendered			

Recapitulation

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Lisa T. Meeks	10.90	\$350.00	\$3,815.00

Total Current Work 3,815.00

Balance Due \$3,815.00

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Balance
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