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### **Motion to Reopen and Order to Show Cause filed in San Juan County, UT Redistricting Case.**

**St. Michaels, Navajo Nation (ARIZ)** -- On Tuesday, June 12, 2018, *Maynes, Bradford, Shipp & Sheftel, LLP* filed an Order to Show Cause in the *Navajo Nation vs San Juan County* redistricting case. According to the case Civil No. 2:12-CV-00039-RS, attorneys for Plaintiffs, Tommy Rock, Wilford Jones, Harrison Hudgins, Lorena Atene, Elsie Billie and Herman Farley (“Individual Plaintiffs”) filed a motion for the temporary reopening of the *Navajo Nation vs. San Juan County* redistricting case, to request a hearing for an order to show cause.

Leonard Gorman, Executive Director for Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission states, “while it is important to recognize that the U.S. federal district court ruled in favor of the Navajo Nation, we also need to recognize that it is the same players that refused to lawfully redistrict the school board and county commission election districts that are at the helm of executing the judge’s order. In other words, the fox is managing the hen house.” In the summer of 2011, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission submitted redistricting map to update the San Juan County Utah commission election districts, which have not be updated since 1984.

The Order to show cause indicates for San Juan County and Clerk/Auditor John David Nielsen to appear in court to explain why the County should not be held in contempt by failing comply with the December 21, 2017, Memorandum Decision and order and Judgement in the redistricting case.

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