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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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THE CHEROKEE NATION, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

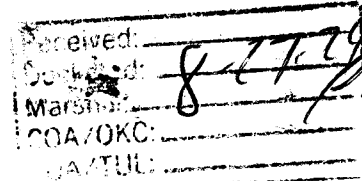
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

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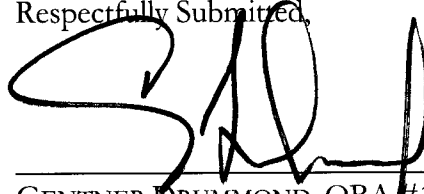
Case No. 122,108



OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR J. KEVIN
STITT'S RENEWED MOTION TO SET ORAL ARGUMENT

The Governor has not established an “exceptional reason that oral argument is necessary.” 12 O.S. ch. 15, app. 1, Okla.Sup.Ct.R. 1.9. This Court’s prior precedents on the Attorney General’s authority in litigation involving the State are clear. Specifically, “[i]n the absence of explicit legislative or constitutional expression to the contrary, [the Attorney General] possesses complete dominion over every litigation in which he properly appears in the interest of the State” *State ex rel. Derryberry v. Kerr-McGee Corp.*, 1973 OK 132, ¶ 20, 516 P.2d 813, 818. No such explicit legislative or constitutional expression to the contrary is implicated here. Further, the Governor’s continued assertion of broad constitutional powers have been repeatedly rejected by this Court even with the benefit of oral argument. *See Treat v. Stitt*, 2020 OK 64, 473 P.3d 43; and *Stitt v. Treat*, 2024 OK 21, 546 P.3d 882. Accordingly, the answer to the certified question is straightforward and unexceptional in nature.

Respectfully Submitted,

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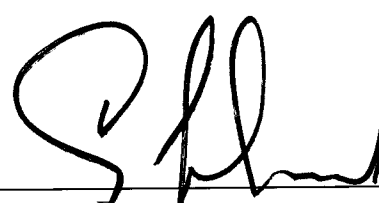
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