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Re: Black Indian Descendants Denied Due Process-Appeal Headed to U.S.
Supreme Court

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Angela Molette, the Representative and Spokesperson for Black Indians United Legal Defense and Education Fund announced today that the lineal descendants of Native Americans having African Ancestry are headed to the U.S. Federal Supreme Court amid a cloud of controversy, including encountered antics by Judge Robert Hodges, a U.S. Court of Claims Justice attempting to render a Summary Judgment against the Freedmen Claim without ever hearing any material facts. The group is now dealing with malicious trickery from the Obama Administration's U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal circuit, which failed to notify the Class (after a May 5th appearance) of the Appeals Court decision to sidestep the Claim of the Freedmen. The Federal Court quite simply does not want to venture a decision on the Freedmen Claims. This could also be the Court's way of stating that the Freedmen issue (arising from the 1866 Treaties) is a true Congressional or Presidential issue, which is what the 1866 Treaties maintain.

The group's Legal Representative, Percy Squire, Esq., was not duly notified of the Court's apparent May 14th decision on the Class Action appeal until yesterday (Friday, July 10, 2009), cheating the Class out of 60 of their full 90 days to appeal. There are now only 30 days remaining, in which Black Indians may solicit Amicus Curiae Briefs from supporters and/or submit filings to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Every Black person in the land ought to be outraged and intolerant of the vile, disrespectful and despicable treatment of the only group of Black People in the Nation with undeniable historical Indigenous Ancestry and 1866 Treaty Rights written exclusively for them."

Aside from facing overt racial discrimination in U.S. Courts and Rules of Access to Federal Programs written by Congress, which are particularly harmful to Black Indians, denial of Treaty Rights has meant that Black Indians have been denied Political and Legal Representation, kept purposefully suspended in a state of perpetual mass economic poverty, denied rightful access to Health Programs, unable to rightly attain Federal Charters of Recognition from the Secretary of the Interior, which would qualify them to participate equally in Federal Programs aimed at restorative Reservation Economies, to include restoration of their lands taken in Trust and acquiring separate Gaming Licenses, making them competitive with other tribes and/or independently autonomous.

Since the filing of their December 2006 Class Action Claim, Black Indians United Legal Defense and Education Fund, Harvest Institute Freedmen Federation and the lineal descendants of the Seminole Negro Scouts have taken on both the Bush and Obama Administrations, U.S. Justice Department, Federal Courts, the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

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