

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

PEOPLE FIRST OF ALABAMA, ET)

AL.,)

Plaintiffs,)

V.

JOHN MERRILL, ET AL.,)

Defendants.)

Civil Action Number

2:20-cv-00619-AKK

ORDER

Before the court is the Alabama Probate Judges Association’s (“APJA”) motion for leave to appear as *amicus curiae*. Doc. 78. Whether to permit the appearance of *amicus curiae* is within the district court’s discretion. *Ga. Aquarium, Inc. v. Pritzker*, 135 F. Supp. 3d 1280, 1288 (N.D. Ga. 2015). Since several probate judges are already parties to the case as defendants, *see* doc. 75, the court is confident that the APJA’s interests are adequately represented. Accordingly, the APJA’s motion for leave to appear as *amicus curiae*, doc. 78, is **DENIED**.

DONE the 14th day of July, 2020.

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ABDUL K. KALLON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE