

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on the 30th day of May, 2003, the following order was made and entered:

State of West Virginia ex rel. Charlotte
Pritt, Petitioner

vs.) No. 31356

Honorable Charles M. Vickers, Judge of the
Fayette County Circuit Court, Republican
National Committee, National Republican
Senatorial Committee, and West Virginia
State Victory Committee, Respondents

On a former day, to-wit, May 21, 2003, came the petitioner, Charlotte Pritt, by H.H. Roberts, and Roger D. Forman and Jason E. Huber, Forman & Huber, her attorneys, and presented to the Court her petition praying for a writ of prohibition to be directed against the respondent, Honorable Charles M. Vickers, Judge of the Fayette County Circuit Court, as therein set forth. Thereafter, on the 27th day of May, 2003, pursuant to a request for a response under Rule 14(b) of the Rules of Appellate Procedure, came the respondents, Republican National Committee, National Republican Senatorial Committee, and West Virginia State Victory Committee, by Michael W. Carey, Carey, Scott & Douglas, and Bobby R. Burchfield and Jason A. Levin, Covington & Burling, their attorneys, and presented to the Court their initial response thereto.

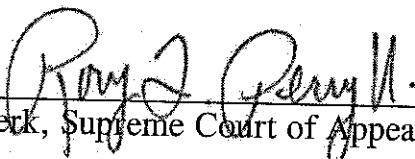
Upon consideration whereof, the Court is of opinion that a rule should be awarded herein. It is therefore considered and ordered that a rule do issue directed against the respondent returnable before this Court at its courtroom in the City of Charleston, County of

Kanawha, at ten o'clock, a. m., on Tuesday, the 9th day of September, 2003, commanding and directing the said respondents to show cause, if any they can, why a writ of prohibition should not be awarded against the Honorable Charles M. Vickers, Judge of the Fayette County Circuit Court, as prayed for by the petitioner in her said petition. Justice Davis would refuse. Justice Maynard did not participate in the consideration or decision of this matter.

Service of a copy of this order upon the respondent aforesaid shall have the same effect as the service of a formal writ.

A True Copy

Attest:


Clerk, Supreme Court of Appeals