## IN THE MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF COLE

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# PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SECOND AMENDED PETITION

Plaintiff Mary Doe moves under Missouri Supreme Court Rule 55.33(a) for leave to file a Second Amended Petition for the following reasons.<sup>1</sup>

- 1. On May 11, 2015, who was then pregnant, filed her original Petition.
- 2. On December 24, 2015, this Court dismissed the original Petition but granted Plaintiff thirty days to amend her pleading.
- 3. On January 21, 2016, Plaintiff timely filed her Amended Petition with claims for violation of Missouri Revised Statutes § 1.302.1, as to requiring ultrasound and requiring receipt of the audible heartbeat offer (Count One), violation of Missouri Revised Statutes § 1.302.1, as to requiring delivery of a booklet (Count Two), and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Plaintiff believes that leave to amend is not required because Defendants have not yet answered her January 21, 2016 pleading, but Plaintiff is filing this motion out of an abundance of caution. *See* Mo. S. Ct. R. 55.33(a) (pleading may be amended once as matter of course at any time before "responsive pleading" is served or, if pleading is one to which no responsive pleading is permitted and action has not been placed upon trial calendar, pleading may be amended at any time within 30 days after it is served); *see also State ex rel. Bugg v. Roper*, 179 S.W.3d 893, 894 (Mo. banc 2005) (per curiam) (as defendants did not file responsive pleading, but merely motion to dismiss, plaintiff was entitled to amend his pleading as matter of course).

violation of Missouri Revised Statutes § 1.302.1, as to requiring a seventy-two-hour waiting period (Count Three).

- 4. Defendants moved to dismiss the Amended Petition of February 22, 2016, and such motion has not yet been argued.
- 5. On June 25, 2015, Mary Doe, who was no longer pregnant, had filed a two-count complaint against Defendants in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, No. 4:15-cv-00986-HEA, asserting claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for Defendants' violation of the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution (Count One) and for violation of the Free Exercise Clause (Count Two).
- 6. On July 15, 2016, the federal court dismissed Plaintiff's Complaint for lack of Article III standing, holding, "Plaintiff Doe is not now pregnant, there is no guaranty that she will become pregnant in the future, and that if she does, she will seek an abortion, thus, Plaintiffs' injuries are not sufficiently concrete for the Court to order the requested relief."
- 7. Plaintiff seeks leave to file the Second Amended Petition, which adds the Establishment Clause and Free Exercise Clause counts from the federal case into the instant action.
- 8. Plaintiff acted promptly in filing this motion after the recent federal court dismissal and if Plaintiff were not able to file the Second Amended Petition, she would be unfairly prejudiced.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Mary Doe requests that this motion be granted and that she be granted any additional relief deemed just and proper.

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