



FAIR FIGHT

v.

TRUE THE VOTE

ICYMI: Top Takeaways From Fair Fight Press Conference Ahead of Oct. 26 Trial of *Fair Fight v. True the Vote*

Plaintiffs previewed the evidence they plan to offer at trial, offered a closer look at the claims of the case, and provided updates on mass challenges in GA as of Oct. 2023

ATLANTA – Yesterday, ahead of their October 26 trial date, Fair Fight held a virtual press briefing to provide an overview of the significance of its federal case – *Fair Fight v. True the Vote* – and the potential implications for voter access in 2024. The briefing also touched on the relief Fair Fight seeks from the Court on behalf of Georgia voters, the recent challenges against Georgia voters, and the witnesses and evidence Plaintiffs intend to present to support their voter intimidation claim.

A recording of the briefing can be found [here](#), along with the slide deck [here](#).

Attendees heard remarks from Fair Fight Executive Director Cianti Stewart-Reid in addition to members of Fair Fight’s legal team, including Allegra Lawrence-Hardy and Michelle McClafferty (Lawrence & Bundy), and Uzoma Nkwonta (Elias Law Group).

Key takeaways from the briefing included:

TAKEAWAY #1 – EXPERT ANALYSIS CONCLUDES TRUE THE VOTE’S TACTICS PROLONG A PATTERN OF INTIMIDATION AND DISENFRANCHISEMENT FELT BY VOTERS ACROSS GEORGIA, ESPECIALLY BLACK VOTERS

“[Trial expert] Dr. [Vernon] Burton opines that Georgia’s Voter challenge law has been used throughout history in a way that has exploited racist, exclusionary, and intimidating ideologies. Dr. Burton also opines in his report that True the Vote’s mass challenges orchestrated in the 2021 runoff elections and the other activities by the group are consistent with the types of voter intimidation tactics that have been used historically to disenfranchise voters, especially Black Georgians around the State.” – Michelle McClafferty

[...]

“Voters really are at the center of this case. These include voters who came forward in the midst of the 2021 runoff to report the intimidation, the fearfulness, and the discouragement that they experienced as one of thousands of voters challenged ahead of voting.” – Michelle McClafferty

TAKEAWAY #2 – THE OUTCOME OF *FAIR FIGHT V. TRUE THE VOTE* WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACTS ON THE 2024 ELECTION AND BEYOND

Fair Fight’s efforts to protect voters from intimidation are motivated both by True the Vote’s activity in 2020, but also by its stated plans for future challenges in Georgia. To be clear, this case is not only about what happened in the runoff elections, it’s about protecting Georgians from what comes next.” – Allegra Lawrence-Hardy

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“This apparent launch of [IV3, a tool that appears to facilitate mass voter challenges] raises legitimate concerns that mass challenges in the 2024 election cycle could exceed the unprecedented 350,000 challenges announced by True the Vote in 2021. Given this very real threat of mass challenges in future election cycles, the relief that Fair Fight is seeking is now more important than ever.” – Allegra Lawrence-Hardy

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“The challenges filed in the 2021 runoff were unprecedented and they remain unmatched even as more challenges are filed month after month in counties around Georgia. In fact, as True the Vote has alleged, its challenge effort was the largest in Georgia history, and that is why Fair Fight believes that relief against True the Vote is so critical, especially heading into what we expect will be a contentious 2024 election cycle.” – Uzoma Nkwonta

TAKEAWAY #3 – GEORGIA’S GOP LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO CURTAIL MASS CHALLENGE EFFORTS THAT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE SET BY TRUE THE VOTE

“Instead of curtailing mass challenges like the ones pursued by True the Vote, SB 202 appears to have emboldened conspiracy theorists by allowing them to challenge the eligibility and qualifications of an unlimited number of voters.” – Cianti Stewart-Reid

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“With the passage of SB 202, Georgia’s anti-voter legislators effectively encouraged other groups to follow in True the Vote’s footsteps.” – Cianti Stewart-Reid

A timeline of True the Vote’s activities in Georgia and Fair Fight’s litigation is available [here](#). More information on True the Vote and mass voter challenges in Georgia can be found [here](#).

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