

## Miss Ashley's List of Extra Stories In the News

### Notes:

1. Big shout out to Stacey Abrams and her work with the fair fight project  
<https://fairfight.com/about-stacey-abrams>
2. Deutsche Bank wants to cut ties with trump by selling his loans on the secondary market. Trouble is: no one wants to buy them.  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-deutsche-bank-exclusive-idUSKBN27J0G0>

### Docs

The third new case the Trump campaign announced today is in, here's the petition in the Commonwealth Court of PA: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7310128/11-4-20-Trump-v-Boockvar-Complaint-PA.pdf>

Trump Campaign Statement on GA Lawsuit: "Republican poll observer in Georgia witnessed 53 late absentee ballots illegally added to a stack of on-time absentee ballots in Chatham County." Lawsuit: [https://cdn.donaldtrump.com/public-files/press\\_assets/petition-for-enforcement-of-election-law.pdf](https://cdn.donaldtrump.com/public-files/press_assets/petition-for-enforcement-of-election-law.pdf)

Here's the Georgia case filed by the Trump campaign  
<https://documentcloud.org/documents/7304231-GA-Vote-Counting-Suit.html>

The Trump campaign has filed its motion to intervene in the SCOTUS case over whether PA can count absentee ballots that arrived after Election Day:  
[https://supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-542/159651/20201104151441413\\_20-542%2020-574%20PA%20Mot%20to%20Intervene.pdf](https://supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-542/159651/20201104151441413_20-542%2020-574%20PA%20Mot%20to%20Intervene.pdf)

Prev on where that case stands: <https://buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/supreme-court-pennsylvania-mail-in-ballot-deadline>

Trump campaign court docs in Michigan are in — they present ex. of one election inspector who says he was denied access, and ask the judge to stop absentee ballot counting until there's access.

Complaint: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7297144/11-4-20-Trump-v-Benson-Complaint.pdf>

Emergency motion: <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7297145/11-4-20-Trump-v-Benson-Emergency-Motion.pdf>

The NV Supreme Court will let Clark County keep processing certain mail-in ballots over a challenge by Trump's campaign/NV GOP, finding they failed to show they're likely to win the arg that they're being denied the right to observe the process  
<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7289523/11-3-20-NV-Supreme-Court-Order-Trump.pdf>

The Trump campaign + Nevada GOP filed an emergency motion asking the NV Supreme Court to halt the processing of some mail-in ballots in Clark County — they're pursuing an appeal re: increasing observer access and the system used to check

signatures <https://scribd.com/document/482766828/11-3-20-Trump-NV-GOP-Kraus-Emergency-Motion>

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A judge in Clark County, NV, ordered 30 polling sites to stay open an extra hour after the Trump campaign filed suit arguing some opened late. The judge ruled after a hearing, here's the order text (awaiting signature):

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7289521/11-3-20-Order-Clark-County.pdf>

Republicans in PA have filed suit against Montgomery Cty election officials, alleging they illegally pre-canvassed mail-in ballots before today and are giving voters a chance to fix deficient ballots <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7281321/11-3-20-Barnett-v-Lawrence-Complaint.pdf>

Here's the motion that prompted today's order:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7281344/11-3-20-NAACP-Motion-for-Further-Relief.pdf>

The challengers cite mail processing data that USPS has filed per a judge's earlier order that shows ongoing delays

Texas Republicans have filed an emergency motion with the 5th Circuit to block Harris County from operating drive-through voting sites tomorrow, after losing their case on standing before the district judge earlier today (see:

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7281133/11-2-20-Hotze-Emergency-Motion-5th-Circuit.pdf>

Texans do not have to wear a mask to vote or to work at the polls if they don't want to, a federal appeals court ruled today — the 5th Circuit granted the state's request to halt a lower court order that blocked the mask exemption

<https://buzzfeednews.com/article/zoetillman/texas-no-masks-required-to-vote-election>

After concluding that USPS policy changes that led to mail delays are likely to burden voting rights (see: [https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show\\_public\\_doc?2020cv2405-32](https://ecf.dcd.uscourts.gov/cgi-bin/show_public_doc?2020cv2405-32)), a DC federal judge has entered a comprehensive order that requires several things of USPS going forward. Here are highlights:

Earlier this month, the 5th Circuit ruled 2-1 to block a Texas law that required women to undergo an add'l medical procedure before having what's known as a "dilation and evacuation" abortion:

<http://ca5.uscourts.gov/opinions/pub/17/17-51060-CV1.pdf>

The court is going to rehear the case en banc:

In a 2-1 decision, the 8th Circuit ordered Minnesota to set aside and not count absentee ballots received after Election Day until legal challenges to a later deadline the state agreed to is all over — meaning those ballots could be invalidated

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7278472/10-29-20-Carson-v-Simon-8th-Circuit.pdf>

By a 5–1 vote, the Florida Supreme Court overturns a whole line of precedent that limited the death penalty to "the most aggravated and the least mitigated of first-degree murders." The decision sets back Florida's death penalty jurisprudence by decades.

<https://floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/685153/opinion/sc18-2061.pdf>

A federal judge in a \*different\* case about the absentee ballot deadline denied an injunction to push the date back to Nov. 3 for ballots w/out a postmark — the judge thought challengers had a winning arg, but came too late <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7277581/10-28-20-Bognet-Order.pdf>

A judge ruled Texas can't exempt voters and poll workers from its mask rules — "any disruption is outweighed by the racially discriminatory deterrent effect on Black and Latino citizens' fundamental right to vote."

Texas has immediately appealed.

<https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/7277053/10-27-20-Mi-Familia-Vota-v-Abbott-Opinion.pdf>

Longtime GOP lawyer Ben Ginsberg and former Texas House Speaker filed an amicus opposing a GOP suit to toss 127K drive-thru ballots in Texas, arguing it violates federal law. Concludes by noting this is same argument Ginsberg and Amy Coney Barrett used in 2000 recount

<https://twitter.com/janestreet/status/1323292143587364866?s=20>

## News

USPS statistics on mail-in ballots 'look worse than they actually are':

report <https://www.rawstory.com/2020/11/usps-failed-to-deliver-27-percent-of-mail-in-ballots-in-south-florida-report/#.X6LN1fAjtVI.twitter>

USPS turned down a federal judge's order this afternoon to sweep mail processing facilities serving 15 states after the agency disclosed that more than 300,000 ballots nationwide could not be traced. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/11/03/election-ballot-delays-usps/>

Michigan AG Dana Nessel files charges against GOP operatives over robocalls

<https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2020/10/01/michigan-attorney-general-nessel-files-charges-gop-operatives-robocalls/5886950002/>

Unsealed Mueller Report Passages Confirm the Then-Ongoing Investigation into Roger Stone

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