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I, STEPHANIE HOLDERFIELD, on oath state the following:

1. I am the Respondent in the action.
2. The following facts are true to the best of my belief and knowledge:
  - A. I have been a registered Republican voter in Champaign County for over 15 years, voting in the Republican primary elections and general elections.
  - B. In 2009, I was selected by the Champaign County Republican Party to serve as a delegate to the Illinois Republican Convention in Decatur, Illinois.
  - C. I was selected and served beginning in 2009 as a Fellow to the Illinois Lincoln Series, and selected and served beginning in 2011 on the Board of Governors of the Illinois Lincoln Series. The mission of the Illinois Lincoln Series is: *"To increase the number of Illinois Republican women in elected and appointed governmental and political positions at the local, state, and federal levels."*
  - D. I was also selected in 2009 and served as a team member of the Illinois Republican Coalition. Republican Coalition Groups provide opportunities for people with common interests and/or background to gather together around principles which are the foundation of the Republican Party. Coalition groups are helpful to the Republican Party by (1) building membership, (2) identifying Republican voters, (3) registering Republican voters, (4) holding meetings to provide opportunities for Republican speakers, (5) providing feedback to Party officials, (6) and volunteering to get out the Republican vote.
  - E. I was elected in 2010 and currently serve as a Republican member of the Champaign County Board.
  - F. During the Summer of 2011, I publically announced my intention to seek election as a Republican candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk for Champaign County. Throughout the summer, I participated in various community parades, campaigning as a Republican candidate

for the office of Circuit Clerk. Ben Carlson assisted with my campaign, to include wearing one of my campaign T-shirts to these parades.

G. At no time within the past 15 years have I voted in a Democrat primary election.

H. On or about September 11, 2011, while attending the Champaign County Republican Fall Festival/Picnic, I signed a number of Republican candidates' petitions, including Tim Johnson, Chapin Rose, Gordy Hulten, Barbara Frasca, Duane Northrup, John Farney, and others.

I. On or about September 11, 2011, while attending the Champaign County Republican Fall Festival/Picnic, I signed a petition for myself for Clerk of the Circuit Court.

J. Throughout this campaign season, I only circulated petitions for myself.

K. On or about October 22, 2011, while attending an Illini football game party at a mutual friend's house, Ben Carlson and I were both circulating petitions. I signed a petition for Ben Carlson, a long-time friend, who was running for County Auditor as a Democrat.

L. When I realized that same day, while still at the football party, that I had erroneously signed the petition of a Democrat candidate, I spoke with Ben Carlson and requested that he strike my name from his petition. He gave no response, but rather, had a blank expression on his face. I trusted that he would take care of this erroneously signed petition in a proper manner.

M. While at this party, my husband, Todd Holderfield, witnessed my discussion with Ben Carlson regarding how we should not be a signatory to each other's petition and my request to strike my name from Ben Carlson's petition.

N. On or about November 27, 2011, I signed my Statement of Candidacy, swearing/affirming by oath that I am a qualified Primary voter of the Republican party. Said Statement of Candidacy and all accompanying petitions were filed with the County Clerk on November 28, 2011.

O. Ben Carlson signed and filed his Statement of Candidacy and accompanying petitions on December 1, 2011.

P. The petition of Ben Carlson with my signature still intact was included in Mr. Carlson's candidacy packet submitted to and filed with the County Clerk.

Q. I was contacted by Christina Waugh, girlfriend of Ben Carlson, (left a voice message on my phone), on or about December 14, 2011, indicating that Ben had contacted the County Clerk's office and attempted to strike that particular petition sheet (i.e., Sheet #34).


R. At no time was there any intent on my part to deceive any signatories to my petitions and have them fraudulently sign my petitions. Moreover, I informed the signatories of my petitions that I was running for the office of Circuit Clerk as a Republican candidate and attempted to ensure that all signatories knew that fact.

S. At no time have I ever contacted anyone in the Democratic party, including Al Klein, Alan Kurtz, Naomi Jakobsson, Michael Frerichs, or others,

T. At no time was there any intent on my part to violate the Illinois Election Code with my signing Ben Carlson's petition. It was merely a negligent error, and I did attempt to correct my error in signing Ben Carlson's petition.

  
STEPHANIE HOLDERFIELD

Subscribed and sworn before me, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012<sup>aws</sup>

  
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