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No. 23-50668 Book People v. Wong
USDC No. 1:23-CV-858

Dear Ms. Counsel,

In light of the court order of 10/5/2023 granting the motion to expedite the above captioned appeal, please adhere to the following expedited briefing schedule.

- Appellants brief is due on 10/20/2023
- Appellees brief is due on 10/30/2023
- Amicus briefs are all due on 11/01/23
- Appellants reply brief is due on 11/03/2023

The case is calendared for oral argument for 11/08/23. A copy of the court's printed calendar indicating the exact date and time of the hearing will be provided prior to the hearing date. Please adhere to the expedited briefing schedule without requesting extensions in order to ensure the availability of the briefs to the court prior to oral argument.

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Sincerely,

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Case No. 23-50668

Book People, Incorporated; VBK, Incorporated, doing business as Blue Willow Bookshop; Association of American Publishers; Authors Guild, Incorporated; Comic Book Legal Defense Fund; American Booksellers Association,

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

Martha Wong, in her official capacity as the Chair of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission; Kevin Ellis, in his official capacity the Chair of the Texas State Board of Education; Mike Morath, in his official capacity as the Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency,

Defendants - Appellants