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## PRESS and PUBLIC RELEASE

## Donald J. Trump for President, Inc., et al. v. Boockvar, et al. 4:20-cv-2078

During yesterday's oral argument in the case of Trump v. Boockvar, the AT&T call bridge, which was facilitating the ability of approximately 6,000 people to listen to the proceedings, suddenly dropped. Judge Matthew Brann called a recess as soon as he was informed of the stoppage. The following is a statement by Middle District of Pennsylvania Chief Judge John E. Jones III concerning this matter:

"While we very much regret the interruption in the proceedings and call drop, it appears clear to us that the technical issues that caused it were attributable to AT&T, and not to our Court or the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. Public access is of extremely high importance to the Court. Working with the Administrative Office, we will make all necessary inquiries to ensure that listeners have uninterrupted access to future proceedings, while adhering to Judicial Conference policy.

> Honorable John E. Jones III Chief U.S. District Judge Middle District of Pennsylvania Harrisburg, Pa.