

# United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit

Chicago, Illinois 60604

November 17, 2020

## Before

DIANE P. WOOD, *Circuit Judge*

DAVID F. HAMILTON, *Circuit Judge*

AMY J. ST. EVE, *Circuit Judge*

No. 20-1881

REBECCA WOODRING,  
*Plaintiff-Appellee,*

*v.*

JACKSON COUNTY, INDIANA,  
*Defendant-Appellant.*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Southern District of Indiana,  
New Albany Division.

No. 4:18-cv-00243-TWP-DML

Tanya Walton Pratt,  
*Judge.*

## ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant-Appellant Jackson County, Indiana's Motion for Stay of District Court's Judgment Pending Appeal, and Request for Expedited Consideration, filed on November 9, 2020.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the motion is **GRANTED in part**. Insofar as the district court's judgment prohibits Jackson County from erecting the display that is depicted on page 5 of its stay motion, it is **STAYED**.

Judge Hamilton votes to deny the stay for these reasons: The relief granted by the stay violates the Establishment Clause. The dominant religious content of the display communicates to a reasonable observer a governmental endorsement of Christianity, a matter as to which governments must remain neutral. In addition, the county waited so long to seek this stay that it cannot plausibly claim it needs emergency relief.