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Four Directions takes legal action to force Cebull's racist, bigoted, homophobic, and misogynist emails to be released to the public – and to make public the officers of the court and public officials who may have received such emails and did nothing.

San Francisco, California - Four Directions, a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering American Indian citizens in the electoral process and other minority issues, and Indian Peoples Action, a non-profit organization working for Native American rights based in Montana, today filed a petition to preserve the Judge Cebull file in the Federal Northern District Court of California.

As reported earlier this year, a significant number of those emails by disgraced former Federal Judge Richard Cebull included “jokes or commentary disparaging African Americans, Native Americans, Latinos - especially illegal immigrants - and women, and a few were antigay.”

“However, the Federal Courts have refused to make these emails public or to initiate an independent and transparent review of every case decided by former Judge Cebull that involved minority, LGBT, or women plaintiffs and defendants,” said Four Directions Executive Director Oliver Semans. “Such a review should include representatives of the civil rights movement, LGBT community, and women’s groups to ensure that these defendants and plaintiffs are not denied justice by this disgraced, bigoted judge, let alone being persecuted by other unknown bigots and racists.”

Four Directions first ran into the troubling conduct of former Judge Cebull when he did not recuse himself (as he had a duty to do on a case revolving around race) from the Wandering Medicine vs McCulloch voting rights case in early October, 2012.

Cebull again and again during the Wandering Medicine hearing took the proceedings off the record in his attempt to intimidate the lawyers for the Wandering Medicine plaintiffs.

“It is simply time for the Committee on Judicial Conduct and Disability to make public these emails as well as the list of officers of the court and public officials who received these emails and did nothing,” said Semans. “Justice is best served when the public knows that the Court is not covering up the evidence of this deplorable judicial behavior.”

Four Directions has taken this first step with the support of the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT). COLT includes several Montana Tribes as members, including the Crow Nation which called out Cebull’s racist conduct in August of 2012. The COLT resolution is attached to this media release.

“Four Directions is so lucky to be able to have such horsepower in the attorneys who are litigating this vital civil rights case, especially our lead attorney, Mr. Larry Organ,” said Semans.

“We hope that people of good will join us in pursuing justice for the plaintiffs and defendants that came before the now disgraced former Judge Cebull and bringing the needed disinfectant of sunshine in regard to the officers of the court and public officials that received these emails and stood silent,” concluded Semans.