

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GLYNN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

J. MATTHEW COLEMAN, IV and
ELIZABETH BLAIR COLEMAN

Plaintiffs,

v.

GLYNN COUNTY, GEORGIA

Defendant.

)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)
)

Civil Action Number: CE14-00750-063

AMENDMENT OF CLASS CERTIFICATION ORDER

This matter having come before this Court upon motion by Named Plaintiffs in the above captioned case to amend the Court’s Class Certification Order to include claims for taxpayers related to 2015 property taxes, and after having considered the information presented IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Named Plaintiffs’ request that the Class Certification Order be amended is GRANTED.

The Classes shall be defined as:

Glynn County property owners receiving the Scarlett Williams Exemption in the calculation of their tax bills in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016 for whom Glynn County used the year in which the Scarlett Williams Exemption was first granted as the Base Year rather than the immediately preceding year in calculating the exemption amount under the Scarlett Williams Act for property tax bills in 2013, 2014, 2015 or 2016 and for whom the value frozen in the year in which the Scarlett Williams Exemption was first granted is greater than the value in the immediately preceding year.

Certification of the proposed class is appropriate because:

- 1) The potential class members are so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical, satisfying the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(a)(1);

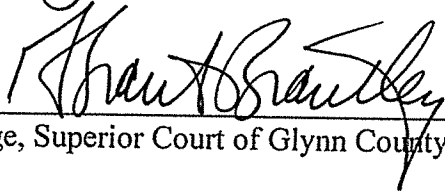
FILED
CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
JAN 9 AM 4 20
ROBERT M. ALLEN

- 2) There are questions of law or fact common to each class member, satisfying the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(a)(2);
- 3) The claims of the representative parties are typical of the claims of class members, satisfying the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(a)(3);
- 4) Named Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class members; satisfying the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(a)(4);
- 5) Certification of the class is appropriate under O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(b)(1) as the prosecution of separate actions by or against individual class members would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to individual class members which would establish incompatible standards of conduct for the party opposing the class or adjudications with respect to individual class members which would as a practical matter be dispositive of the interests of the other members not parties to the adjudications or substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.
- 6) Certification of the class is appropriate under O.C.G.A. § 9-11-23(b)(2) as Defendant opposing class members has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to each class member, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to members of the class;
- 7) The law firm of Roberts Tate, LLC will fairly and adequately represent the interests of the class as Class Counsel; and
- 8) The action is manageable as a class action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT Named Plaintiffs J. Matthew Coleman, IV and Elizabeth Blair Coleman shall serve as class representatives for the classes as defined herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the law firm of Roberts Tate, LLC is appointed as
Class Counsel for the class certified herein.

SO ORDERED this 6th day of Jan, 2017.



Judge, Superior Court of Glynn County, Georgia

Respectfully submitted by:

James L. Roberts, IV
State Bar No. 608580
jroberts@robertstate.com

Roberts Tate, LLC
Post Office Box 21828
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522
(912) 638-5200
(912) 638-5300 - Fax

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS