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**State Agency Litigation Notification Form**

**Dear Agency Director:**

**Arkansas Code § 10-3-312 requires that any agency or institution that is not represented by the Attorney General shall notify the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research of pending litigation so that the appropriate legislative committee may "determine the action that may be deemed necessary to protect the interests of the General Assembly and the State of Arkansas in that matter."**

**In order to submit a report regarding pending litigation pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-312, please complete the following form for each pending lawsuit, along with a cover letter to the Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, and submit to [potratza@blr.arkansas.gov](mailto:potratza@blr.arkansas.gov).**

DATE REPORTING:	
Agency:	University of Arkansas
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Contact:	Joe Cordi
1. STYLE OF THE CASE BEING LITIGATED	
Synetra Hughes v. University of Arkansas, 5:22-cv-05155-PKH (W.D. Ark.)	
2. IDENTITY OF THE TRIBUNAL BEFORE WHICH THE MATTER HAS BEEN FILED (COURT)	
United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas	
3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED	
Employee filed suit alleging race discrimination and retaliation.	
3A. OTHER DESCRIPTION INFORMATION	
Docket Number	5:22-cv-05155-PKH
Date Filed	July 26, 2022
Defendant	University of Arkansas
Defendant Attorney	Joe Cordi, Associate General Counsel, University of Arkansas
Plaintiff	Synetra Hughes
Plaintiff Attorney	N/A
4. ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	
4A. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	
Case History	University's Answer has been filed.
Relief Sought	Damages (unspecified) and injunctive relief.
Current Status	Rule 26(f) conference deadline is December 14, 2022.