

1 Q Weren't all of those based on information provided by Michelle Wilcox?

2 A Some of the information, yes.

3 Q Now, have you seen the draft of a petition that Mr. Barnett drew up suing,
4 I think, like 88 people?

5 **MR. CULVER:**

6 Objection. That goes into attorney-client privilege. Also
7 irrelevant.

8 **MR. ROE:**

9 Well, --

10 **THE COURT:**

11 Well the petition would have been filed in the public record;
12 was it not?

13 **MR. ROE:**

14 It wasn't filed.

15 **THE COURT:**

16 It was just a draft?

17 **MR. ROE:**

18 It wasn't filed. That's why I want to ask him.

19 **DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. ROE:**

20 Q Did you see a petition --

21 A I seen the list -- the list that was presented to President Cormier, yes.

22 Q And it sued Norris Babin, and Gary Chauvin, and --

23 A Yes. I seen that list presented to the President.

24 Q 88 people?

25 A Yes.

26 Q And wasn't that petition drafted based on information provided by
27 Michelle Wilcox?

28 A I have no idea. You'll have to ask the attorney on that.

29 Q Do you know why that petition wasn't filed, but this one was?

30 A I can tell you the Parish President selected the four cases that he wanted to
31 proceed with, period.

32 Q Wasn't that you?

1 A No. That's President Amos Cormier, Jr. I was at the meeting as the
2 Director, and then as you remember, after this happened he passed away.

3 Q And you went --

4 A Before I authorized the attorney to proceed, I wanted the blessing of the
5 Council. And at executive session, all this stuff was presented to nine Council
6 members in executive session. Same Council meeting, a resolution was passed
7 6-3 to proceed. At that time I gave him the okay to proceed.

8 Q The lawsuit against the 88 people was not --

9 A No, four. Four lawsuits.

10 Q Well, what about the lawsuit against 88 people? That -- That wasn't
11 discussed?

12 A No. No.

13 Q Why not?

14 A Because President Cormier only wanted to go forward with four cases.

15 Q And you were present when that discussion took place?

16 A Selecting the four?

17 Q Yes.

18 A Yes, I was. As the Director, I was.

19 Q And weren't these four selected for political reasons, Mr. Tragle [sic].
20 Pardon. Mr. Theriot.

21 A I don't think so, Judge. No.

22 Q You don't think so?

23 A No.

24 Q All right.

25 **MR. ROE:**

26 I have no other questions.

27 **THE COURT:**

28 Counsel? Do you have any questions?

29 **MR. BARBEE:**

30 No.

31 **THE COURT:**

32 Anything else? All right. You may step down. Thank you.