

Jurisdiction, Venue, and Cause of Action

2. This Court has jurisdiction of this case pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 inasmuch as it arises under the Constitution of the United States and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3) because this action seeks to redress the deprivation, under color of state law, of civil rights.
3. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391.
4. Declaratory relief is authorized pursuant to Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201, 2202.
5. Plaintiffs bring this action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to redress the deprivation, under color of state law, of rights secured by the Constitution of the United States.

Parties

6. Brian Mast is an adult resident of Indiana who is a DOC prisoner confined within the SHU.
7. Michael Woods is an adult resident of Indiana who is a DOC prisoner confined within the SHU.
8. Eugene Wells is an adult resident of Indiana who is a DOC prisoner confined within the SHU.
9. J. David Donahue is the duly appointed Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Correction. He is sued in his official capacity.
10. Craig Hanks is the duly appointed Superintendent of the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility within which is located the SHU. He is sued in his official capacity.

Class Action Allegations

11. Brian Mast, Michael Woods and Eugene Wells bring this action on their own behalf and on behalf of a class of those similarly situated pursuant to Rule 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal