

## **Plaintiffs in *OKPLAC, Inc. v. Statewide Virtual Charter School Board***

**OKPLAC Inc. (Oklahoma Parent Legislative Action Committee)**, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide organization committed to promoting policies that protect, support and strengthen Oklahoma’s public-school system. OKPLAC serves as an umbrella organization for many local parent legislative action committees that represent more than 200,000 Oklahoma public-school students and their parents.

**Melissa Abdo**, a Catholic resident of Tulsa County, treasurer of OKPLAC, and a current member of both the Jenks Public Schools Board of Education and the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association.

**Krystal Bonsall**, a McClain County parent of a public school student who has disabilities that require speech and occupational therapy and a paraprofessional to accompany her child to class.

**Leslie Briggs** of Tulsa, the legal director of Oklahoma Appleseed Center for Law and Justice. She and her wife are parents of a child who will soon enter public schools.

**Brenda Lené** of Logan County, founder and operator of the Facebook group “Oklahoma Education Needs/Donations,” whose 25,000+ members have provided more than a hundred thousand dollars worth of school supplies to teachers that they would otherwise have had to pay for out of their own pockets. She is the parent of a child attending public school.

**Michele Medley**, an Oklahoma resident and mother of three children, two of whom are autistic and one of whom is LGBTQIA+. She was instrumental in getting treatments and therapies for children with autism to be covered by insurance through legislation. At times Medley attempted to meet her children’s needs through private schools, one of which was Catholic, but discovered that these schools were woefully unprepared and generally unwilling to provide educational opportunities suitable to meet the needs of autistic children.

**Dr. Bruce Prescott** of Norman, a retired Baptist minister who served as executive director of Mainstream Oklahoma Baptists. He is also a retired educator who has taught at the University of Oklahoma, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Phillips Theological Seminary, a public junior college, and a public high school.

**The Rev. Dr. Mitch Randall** of Norman, who is the CEO of Good Faith Media and has served as pastor of NorthHaven Church in Norman and the executive director of the Baptist Center for Ethics. He is a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, which offers

him a first-hand perspective on issues regarding religious liberty and instilled in him strong support for church-state separation.

**The Rev. Dr. Lori Walke** of Oklahoma County, who is the Senior Minister of Mayflower Congregational United Church of Christ.

**Erika Wright** of Cleveland County, who is the founder and leader of the Oklahoma Rural Schools Coalition and former member of the Noble Public Schools Board of Education. She is the parent of two children currently in public schools as well as an adult daughter who attended a private Catholic school for several years.