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Trial Lawyer Mary Olive Pierson Sues Leaders of the St. George Movement



LEFTWING ACTIVIST and trial lawyer Mary Olive Pierson is funding a suit targeting St. George leaders and blocking incorporation.

Norman Browning, Chris Rials Sued Personally For Their Roles in Forming City of St. George

BATON ROUGE - A trial lawyer with a long history of supporting leftwing causes and politicians has filed suit against the leaders of the movement to incorporate the City of St. George.

St. George incorporator Norman Browning and his assistant chairman Chris Rials have been targeted with the suit filed by Baton Rouge attorney Mary Olive Pierson. The litigation could end up costing Browning, a small businessman, and retiree Rials hundreds of thousands in attorney fees.

Although Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome is one of the named plaintiffs in the suit, Pierson is the person actually funding the litigation. The City of Baton Rouge is not a plaintiff in the suit and the mayor-president is not suing in her official capacity. Pierson said she is taking the case *pro bono*.

Because of the enormity of the potential costs, Browning and Rials are seeking contributions to



TARGETED — St. George chairman Norman Browning and vice chairman Chris Rials have been sued personally by Mary Olive Pierson.

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help defend the right of the people of St. George to incorporate and themselves.

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IN THE NEWS RECENTLY

Mary Olive Pierson graduated from the LSU Law School. Early on, she practiced with Pat Screen and Shelly Beychock. Over the years, she has represented a world of clients, some of an unsavory sort. Not known for her social graces, she was referred as a "red headed barracuda" in the Business Report. One of her former clients, Johnny Anderson, has been in the news lately, the subject of TV spots in the governor's race. He allegedly engaged in sexual harassment at the Governor's office.

Edwards Opposes St. George, Rispone Supports It

Candidates Differ on StG

Secretary of State Also on Ballot in Nov. 16 Election



Kyle Ardoin



Gwen Collins-Greenup

Two statewide races will appear on the Nov. 16 election ballot. Besides governor, the other race is for Secretary of State. Republican incumbent Kyle Ardoin is facing the Democratic challenger Gwen Collins-Greenup.

Ardoin led with 41 percent in the primary, followed by Collins-Greenup with 34 percent. Republican Thomas J. Kennedy followed with 19 percent.

The Secretary of State oversees Louisiana's elections and manages business filings and state archives.



DEMOCRATIC, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES for Louisiana governor are in the final days of the Nov. 16 runoff election. Democrat Gov. John Bel Edwards (left) and Republican businessman Eddie Rispone offer a liberal/conservative contrast. President Donald Trump has made two trips to Louisiana to campaign for Rispone.

Rispone Hoping For Big Turnout In St. George

ST. GEORGE - GOP candidate Eddie Rispone is hoping for a large voter turnout in the City of St. George in his quest to oust incumbent Gov. John Bel Edwards in the election on Saturday, Nov. 16. St. George is one of several conservative voting areas in the state that Rispone needs to win big.

Edwards is the only Democrat governor in the South, and Republicans think he is vulnerable because of his tax-and-spend policies.

The candidates for governor disagree on the City of St. George. Rispone has been an active supporter and donor to St. George since 2014, while Gov. John Bel Edwards has repeatedly voiced his opposition both to the City of St. George and the Southeast Community School District.

Ballot

Nov 16, 2019

Governor

John Bel Edwards **D**
Eddie Rispone **R**

Secretary of State

Kyle Ardoin **R**
Gwen Collins-Greenup **D**

BESE District 6

"Ronnie" Morris **R**
Gregory Spiers **R**

Senate District 16

Franklin Foil **R**
Beverly Thompson **D**

House District 68

Taryn Branson **D**
Scott McKnight **R**

House District 70

Belinda Davis **D**
Barbara Freiberg **R**

Ballot - Other Areas

Dist. Judge Div. L

"Ron" Johnson **D**
"Trae" Welch **R**

House District 67

Dr. Leah Cullins **D**
Larry Selders **D**

Candidates endorsed by Republican Party of East Baton Rouge Parish are in **RED**. Candidates endorsed Democratic Party of EBR are in **BLUE**. The Central City News endorses all candidates in **RED** plus those in **MA-ROON**. Candidates in **BLACK** are not endorsed.