

**SUPREME COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

NO. S.C. 19010

**REPUBLICAN PARTY
OF CONNECTICUT**

v.

**DENISE W. MERRILL,
SECRETARY OF STATE**

: SEPTEMBER 26, 2012

ORDER

The court responds to the reserved questions and the jurisdictional questions on which it ordered supplemental briefs^[1] as follows:

- (1) Did the plaintiff, the Republican Party of Connecticut, have an available administrative remedy in the present case? Yes.
- (2) If so, did the plaintiff exhaust the administrative remedy? Yes.
- (3) Is the complaint barred by sovereign immunity? No.
- (4) Does General Statutes § 9-249a require that the Republican Party's candidates for office be placed on the first line of the ballots for the November 6, 2012 election? Yes.

A full written opinion on these issues will follow. This is the unanimous decision of the Court.

BY THE COURT,


MICHELE T. ANGERS
CHIEF CLERK

^[1]We have reframed the questions on which we ordered supplemental briefs to more accurately reflect the question presented in light of the arguments contained in the supplemental briefs. Cf. *Stamford Hospital v. Vega*, 236 Conn. 646, 648 n.1, 674 A.2d 821 (1996) (court may reframe certified question to render it more accurate in framing issues presented).