**Statement from Christa Pike's attorneys Angie Bergman, Brian Roark and Hannah Webber of Bass Berry & Sims**

Today, Christa Pike filed an emergency motion asking a federal court to enforce her settlement agreement with the State of Tennessee regarding her conditions of confinement. In 2022, Ms. Pike brought a lawsuit against officials at the Tennessee Department of Correction challenging TDOC's use of solitary confinement of her for decades. After extensive discovery, the case resulted in a September 2024 settlement in which the State agreed to a plan that ended Ms. Pike's isolation and allowed her to work, eat meals, exercise, and have social contact with other women in custody.

After the State's failed and disastrous attempt to execute Ms. Pike on September 30, 2026, Ms. Pike was gravely injured. She spent days on a ventilator and more than a week in intensive care. Since her return to prison, State officials have kept her alone in the prison infirmary, cut off from all other women in custody and with no expected end date for her isolation. Despite repeated warnings that this conduct not only harms Ms. Pike but is in direct violation of the clear terms of the Settlement Agreement, the State has failed to make any accommodations or engage in any attempt at a meaningful resolution. The motion was filed on an emergency basis because each day of continued isolation causes further harm to Ms. Pike. It asks the court to order the State to end her isolation and restore the protections in the agreement as far as her medical needs and safety allow. Counsel continues to hope for a cooperative resolution that serves Ms. Pike's health and well-being.