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December 21, 2017

Mr. Danny Bickell, Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Philip Morris USA Inc. v. James Harris Lourie as Personal Representative for the Estate of Barbara Ruth Lourie*, No. 17-401

Dear Mr. Bickell:

The Respondent, James Harris Lourie, as Personal Representative for the Estate of Barbara Ruth Lourie, respectfully requests a 30-day extension of time in which to file his response to the petition for certiorari in this case. The current due date is January 5, 2018, and a 30-day extension would create a new due date of February 5, 2018. This is the last extension that I will be requesting regarding the brief in opposition. Petitioner's Counsel has consented to the requested 30-day extension.

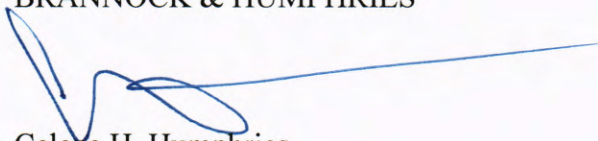
This request is not made for purposes of delay; it is necessary so that I may review the case and provide a thorough response to the petition. My current schedule necessitates a 30-day extension. Since the petition was filed, and in the coming weeks, I have appellate briefs and/or oral arguments in several cases, including but not limited to: *R.J. Reynolds v. McCoy* (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App., No. 4D16-0259), *McCoy v. R.J. Reynolds* (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App., No. 4D16-1378); *Philip Morris USA, Inc. v. McCall* (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App., No. 4D16-2016); *R.J. Reynolds v. Ryan* (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App., No. 4D16-1845); *TT of Indian River v. Fortson* (Fla. 5th Dist. Ct. App., No. 5D16-2001), *TT of Indian River v. Fortson* (Fla. 5th Dist. Ct. App. No. 5D16-3487); *R.J. Reynolds v. Price* (Fla. 1st Dist. Ct. App., No. 1D17-2104); *Pearson v. Philip Morris* (Fla. 2nd Dist. Ct. App., 2D17-3636); and *Philip Morris USA Inc. v. Allen* (Fla., No. SC17-2055). Additionally, I have provided legal and research support to the following trials: *Carrico v. R.J. Reynolds* (Fla. 9th Jud. Cir., No. 2015-CA-003926); *Wallace v. R.J. Reynolds* (Fla. 8th Jud. Cir., No. 05-2014-052862); and *In Re: Engle Progeny Cases, Pertains to: Adamson* (Fla. 15th Jud. Cir., No. 50-2016-CA-008532). Finally, I have provided significant pretrial research and writing support to the following cases: *Graffeo v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Fla. 6th Jud. Cir., No. 16-CA-233); and *Collar v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.* (Fla. 19th Jud. Cir., No. 2011-CA-115).

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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cc: Counsel of Record

