

April 23, 2018

<u>VIA U.S. MAIL &</u> <u>ELECTRONIC FILING</u>

Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street NE Washington, DC 20543

Re:

Arnold Fleck v. Joe Wetch, et al, Case No. 17-886

Request for Time Extension under Sup. Ct. R. 30.4

Dear Clerk:

This office represents respondents Joe Wetch, (former) President of the State Bar Association of North Dakota; Aubrey Fiebelkorn-Zuger, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Bar Association of North Dakota; and Tony Weiler, Executive Director of the State Bar Association of North Dakota, in their official capacities, in the above-referenced matter. We do not represent respondent Penny Miller, Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Law Examiners, in her official capacity, who is separately represented by the North Dakota Attorney General's office.

The purpose of this letter is to request a second extension of time for the filing of responses to the *Petition for Writ of Certiorari* filed by petitioner Arnold Fleck, and amicus briefs filed in support thereof. The current deadline for responses established by the Court is May 10, 2018. We are requesting the deadline for responses be extended an additional 29 days to June 8, 2018. We request this extension apply to all respondents, and to any other entity or person who may wish to file an *amicus* brief in support of any respondent.

We have discussed this proposed extension with counsel for the Petitioner and have been advised Petitioner has **no objection** to the requested extension herein.

The reason for this extension request is due to the undersigned's general unavailability to work on this matter prior to May 10, 2018. The undersigned has numerous work related conflicts, including depositions, hearings, discovery and expert disclosure deadlines in several large cases due early May, 2018. In addition, my son graduates from law school on May 5, 2018, and I would like to attend his law school graduation, which will also require travel time. In addition, input in regards to our response will be required by our clients, who are

Randall J. Bakke*o^+av

Shawn A. Grinolds**
sgrinolds@bgwattorneys.com

Bradley N. Wiederholt**
bwiederholt@bgwattorneys.com

Wade A. Davison*
wdavison@bgwattorneys.com

- * Licensed in North Dakota
- ⁰ Licensed in Minnesota
- Λ Licensed in South Dakota
- Board Certified Civit Triat Specialist by National Board of Triat Advocacy
- □ Fellow-Litigation Counsel of America
- v Board Certified Civit Pretriat Advocacy Specialist by National Board of Civit Pretrial Practice Advocacy

themselves attorneys and have extremely busy schedules. Thus, we would greatly appreciate the requested extension, and as indicated, the request is not made for any purpose of delay.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Randall J. Bakke

sg cc:

Timothy Sandefur (via email tsandefur@goldwaterinstitute.org & U.S. Mail)

Matthew Sagsveen, North Dakota Solicitor General

(via email masagsve@nd.gov & U.S. Mail)

Deborah La Fetra (via email <u>DLaFetra@pacificlegal.org</u> & U.S. Mail)

Williams James Young (via email wjy@nrtw.org & U.S. Mail)

Clerk.3