

September 5, 2019

Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20543

*In re: Allstate Insurance Co. v. Daniel Rivera, et al., No. 18-1592*

Dear Mr. Harris,

On behalf of our clients, Daniel Rivera, Stephen Kensinger, Deborah J. Meacock and Rebecca Scheunema, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.4, we write to respectfully request a 30-day extension of time, to and including October 16, 2019, within which to file Respondents' Response to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. This is Respondents' first request for an extension.

Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to this Court on June 27, 2019, after this Court granted it a 30-day extension in which to do so. Because this case is not appropriate for certiorari and in an effort to preserve resources, on July 29, 2019, Respondents waived their right to file a response. On August 19, 2019, this Court requested that Respondents file a response to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari. That response is currently due September 18, 2019.

A 30-day extension of time is needed to prepare and file a response to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari. I, along with my partners John Scharkey and Joanne Sweeney (who are counsel of record), have had and will have the following commitments that substantially limit our

availability to complete the Response by the current deadline: (1) depositions and deposition preparation of three individually named, executive-level defendants in a case pending before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and a related arbitration filed with the National Futures Association; (2) an oral argument before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit; and (3) a discovery closure date of October 1, 2019, in another matter pending before the Northern District of Illinois where a substantial number of depositions and conferences have been scheduled in September.

The 30-day extension will allow Respondents sufficient time to explain to the Court why certiorari is not appropriate in this case, as there is no split among the circuits and the Seventh Circuit applied settled and established law involving a fundamental issue of jurisdiction. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

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