



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

April 26, 2019

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

RE: *Bench v. Oklahoma*, Case No. 18-8723

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, undersigned counsel hereby requests an extension of time in which to respond to the petition for writ of certiorari filed in the above-captioned case. The extension is justified for the following reasons.

The petition was filed on April 3, 2019. The response is due on May 8, 2019. Although counsel for the State has begun work on the response, counsel will not be able to complete it by the filing deadline. Counsel for the State filed the Brief in Opposition to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in *Postelle v. Carpenter*, United States Supreme Court Case Number 18-8583 today, April 26, 2019. The undersigned is preparing for oral argument to be held on May 9, 2019, in *Davis v. Carpenter*, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Case Number 17-6225. The undersigned is also second chair for the upcoming *en banc* argument to be held on May 7, 2019, in *Pavatt v. Carpenter*, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit Case Number 14-6117. This case involves a number of legal issues and a high degree of complexity.

In addition, the undersigned is a reviewer of the work of two attorneys in the criminal appeals unit of the Office of the Attorney General of Oklahoma, and in that capacity reviews all pleadings filed by those individuals. This responsibility consumes a significant amount of the undersigned's time.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the State respectfully requests an additional thirty days, or until June 7, 2019, in which to file its response.

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