

Case No. _____

In The
Supreme Court of the United States

OMAR BLANCO
Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Respondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO
FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE FLORIDA SUPREME COURT**

THIS IS A CAPITAL CASE

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Petitioner Omar Blanco respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Florida Supreme Court. In support of this request, he states as follows:

Petitioner is a death-sentenced Florida inmate who sought relief from his sentence under Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.851. Specifically, Petitioner sought relief on account of his intellectual disability and this Court's decisions in *Atkins v. Virginia*, 536 U.S. 304 (2002), and *Hall v. Florida*, 572 U.S. 701 (2014). He also sought relief pursuant to this Court's decision in *Hurst v. Florida*, -- U.S. --, 136 S. Ct. 616 (2016), because his penalty-phase jury did not unanimously recommend a sentence of death, but the trial court sentenced him to death. On July 19, 2018, the Florida Supreme Court issued its opinion affirming the summary denial of relief on all claims. *Blanco v. State*, 249 So. 3d 536 (Fla. 2018).

Petitioner intends to seek certiorari review in this case.¹ Petitioner's certiorari petition is currently due on October 17, 2018. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 13.5, this application is made at least ten days before the due date.

Petitioner requests additional time in which to file his petition in light of counsel's workload. Undersigned counsel represents numerous defendants and prisoners in trial, on appeal, and in collateral review proceedings in the Florida state and federal courts. In light of the demands from counsel's other cases and the

¹ Petitioner will move to proceed *in forma pauperis* in this Court in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 39. Petitioner has been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* throughout the proceedings below.

need for counsel to dedicate substantial time to the petition for certiorari in this death penalty case, counsel respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time in which to prepare and file the certiorari petition.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ira W. Still, certify that on this date, I caused a copy of the foregoing Motion for Extension of Time in Which to File Petition for Writ of Certiorari to be served in accordance with Supreme Court Rule 29 by First Class Mail on the following individuals:

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