

IN THE
UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT

FRANK ELROY VENNES, JR.,
Petitioner,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Respondent.

ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

RELIEF SOUGHT

Petitioner Frank Elroy Vennes, Jr., pro se, requests that Justice Alito, Justice for the Eighth Circuit, extend the time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in the matter of United States v. Frank Elroy Vennes, Jr., Appeal No. 18-2790 for a period of 60 days, or from May 15, 2019 up to and including July 14, 2019.

GROUND FOR RELIEF

1. On February 1, 2013 petitioner was convicted of one count of aiding & abetting securities fraud, and one count of money laundering in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota.

2. On October 13, 2014 petitioner appealed his conviction under § 2255 to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. This court affirmed the conviction by its order entered on April 29, 2015. The appeals court affirmed on February 14, 2019.

JURISDICTION

3. The Supreme Court will have jurisdiction over this matter according to 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

REASONS WHY RELIEF FROM TIME LIMIT NEEDED

4. Under Supreme Court Rule 13.1, time for filing of a petition for writ of certiorari in this matter expires on May 15, 2019.

5. Petitioner is untrained in the law and proceeding pro se.

6. Petitioner, currently incarcerated, is severely limited to access times to the law library for research, preparation, and briefing. Library schedules are subject to weather

conditions, staffing, and special events.

7. Population of Butner Camp is approximately 300 residents. Only 4 computers, 3 typewriters, and 1 copy machine are provided for the entire population.

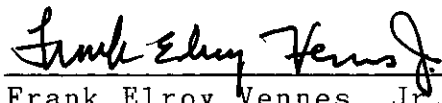
PERSUASIVE GROUNDS FOR CERTIORARI IN THIS CASE

8. The conviction of petitioner raised grave Constitutional questions concerning the Fifth and Sixth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. In particular, at what point do the substantive elements of a fraud arising during a \$ 2255 proceeding preclude a petitioner from reopening a judgment on a non-merits basis?

9. Petitioner is presently serving a 180 month sentence.

Dated: March 27, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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