

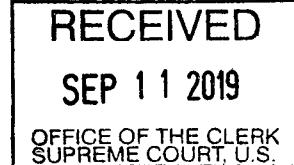
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

EDWARD L. COLLINS,  
Petitioner,

v.

SEC. DEPT. OF  
CORRECTIONS,  
Respondent.

RECEPTION AND MEDICAL CENTER  
DATE: 9-3-19  
INMATE INITIALS: E.L.C.



APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
FILE A PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

To the Hon. Justice Clarence Thomas:

The Petitioner, Edward L. Collins, files this application for extension of 60-days to file a petition for a writ of certiorari due to exceptional circumstances pursuant to Rule 13.5. In support of the application, the Petitioner states:

1. The Petitioner intends to file a petition for writ of certiorari requesting this Court to review the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in *Collins V. Sec. Florida Department of Corrections*, Case No.: 18-12925-D. Attached as exhibit "A" is a copy of the opinion of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.
2. The United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit issued the opinion on June 11, 2019. The Petitioner did not file a motion for rehearing.

3. The 90-day period in Rule 13.1 to file the petition for writ of certiorari expires on September 11, 2019.
4. The Petitioner is an inmate in the Florida Department of Corrections at Reception and Medical Center-Work Camp.
5. The Petitioner's legal work is stored in the Reception and Medical Center-Main Unit law library—not the Reception and Medical Center-Work Camp.
6. Prison security rules required the inmates at the Reception and Medical Center-Work Camp to use the law library at Reception and Medical Center-Main Unit Main Unit.
7. Due to security reasons, prison officials at Reception and Medical Center-Work Camp do not allow the Petitioner access to the law library unless he has a registered callout and then only once a week for approximately two hours.
8. Further hindering the preparation a petition for a writ of certiorari is the effect that Hurricane Dorian will have on the area where the Reception and Medical Center is located and the resulting security concerns about allowing inmates the opportunity to come to the law library as well as the effect on the hours of operation of the law library.
9. Because the petitioner is untrained in the law and is slowly learning how to conduct legal research, the Reception and Medical Center-Main Unit law

library staff assigned an inmate law clerk to assist him in researching the issue in his case.

10. The Petitioner's lack of access to the law library and to a law clerk constitute extraordinary circumstances that excuses the Petitioner from the requirement that this motion be filed 10-days before the date the petition for a writ of certiorari was due.

Wherefore the Petitioner moves this Court to grant him a 60-day extension to file a petition for writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted

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