In the Supreme Court of the United States

Annick Roy, as special administrator of The Estate of Jean-Guy Veilleux, deceased; et al, Applicants,

MAURICE GAGNE; et al, *Plaintiffs*,

v.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, Defendant-Respondent,

Soo Line Railroad Company, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway; Delaware And Hudson Railroad Company Inc., d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway; Dakota Minnesota and Eastern Railroad Corporation, d/b/a Canadian Pacific Railway; Canadian Pacific Railway Limited,

Defendants.

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TO: The Honorable Stephen Breyer, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit

Applicants respectfully request a 48-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit in this case, to and including January 24, 2022. The First Circuit issued its

opinion on June 2, 2021, and then denied the petition for rehearing on September 8, 2021. This application is being filed on November 23, 2021—more than 10 days before the petition for certiorari is due. *See* S. Ct. R. 13.5. No previous application for an extension has been made. The jurisdiction of this Court would be invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). A copy of the First Circuit's opinion and order on rehearing is attached.

The applicants' counsel has been heavily engaged with other appellate matters, including arguments and multiple unexpected briefs at the rehearing- and 23(f)-stages in the federal Courts of Appeal. Counsel also has multiple forthcoming oral arguments and multiple briefs due in this Court and the Courts of Appeal throughout the months of December and January. An extension of time is appropriate to allow the applicants' counsel, consistent with these professional obligations, to properly research, prepare, and print the petition.

- 1. This case involves an important question regarding one of the nation's most complicated and intricate statutory schemes—the Bankruptcy Code. This Court has warned that judicial rewriting of this "complex terrain of interconnected provisions and exceptions" threatens "ripple effects" within the "broader bankruptcy scheme." *Hall v. United States*, 566 U.S. 506, 523 (2012). Even "compelling policy reasons," the Court has held, do not justify judicially reinterpreting the Bankruptcy Code. *Id.*
- 2. In this case, the First Circuit did exactly what this Court warned against. Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1001 provides that the bankruptcy rules only "govern procedure in cases under title 11 of the United States Code." Fed. R. Bank. P. 1001 (emphasis added). Yet the First Circuit held that the applicants' state-law claims—claims for wrongful death

that by statute cannot even be heard in bankruptcy court—were nonetheless governed by the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, not the Rules of Civil Procedure, because they were merely "related to" a non-party bankruptcy debtor in another case.

- 3. The First Circuit concluded that Rule 1001's language is "not dispositive" on the question of when the bankruptcy rules apply, holding that the phrase "cases under title 11" "does not compel either a broad or a narrow reading." App. at 14. After applying canons of construction and considering statutory purpose, however, the First Circuit opted for a "broad construction," holding that "cases under title 11" also includes proceedings "related to" those cases. App. at 12, 19–20; see 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). The First Circuit acknowledged that this result was not compelled by the text but was instead driven by its view that uniform application of the bankruptcy rules to cases "related to" bankruptcy would be more "efficient." App. at 16.
- 4. The First Circuit's novel holding, however, cannot be squared with the plain text of the rule itself. *United States v. Ron Pair Enters.*, 489 U.S. 235, 240–41 (1989) (Where the bankruptcy laws are "coherent and consistent, there generally is no need for a court to inquire beyond the plain language."). As used in the Bankruptcy Code, the phrase "cases under title 11" is a term of art with a clearly defined meaning—it means "the bankruptcy petition itself." *In re Marcus Hook Dev. Park, Inc.*, 943 F.2d 261, 264 (3d Cir. 1991) (quoting *Matter of Wood*, 825 F.2d 90, 92 (5th Cir. 1987)). It is a core concept in bankruptcy law that itself serves to delineate other core concepts like the "debtor" and the "estate," the scope of federal jurisdiction, and the power of bankruptcy judges. Rule 1001 must be read consistently with that established term of art. As even the First Circuit recognized, "the

drafters of the rule must have been aware" of how Congress used the phrase. App. at 14. Indeed, the rule just repeats verbatim the language Congress used in authorizing the Supreme Court to prescribe "practice and procedure in cases under title 11." 28 U.S.C. § 2075. It would exceed that grant of federal authority to give the phrase "cases under title 11" in Rule 1001 a broader meaning than the one Congress attributed to it. See Hanna v. Plumer, 380 U.S. 460, 471 (1965).

- 5. The First Circuit's decision not only contradicts the Bankruptcy Code's plain text, but it also sparks a circuit split. The circuits have uniformly held that the word "case" "is a term of art in the bankruptcy context [...] that is well-understood." In re Caldor Corp., 303 F.3d 161, 168 (2nd Cir. 2002). As explained above, it "refers merely to the bankruptcy petition itself." Marcus Hook, 943 F.2d at 264; see also Caldor Corp., 303 F.3d at 168; In re Wolverine Radio Co., 930 F.2d 1132, 1141 (6th Cir. 1991). It is for this reason that, in similar contexts, other circuits have recognized that "related to" proceedings "do not arise directly under the substantive rules of title 11, and, therefore, may lie outside the language of Rule 1001. Rosenberg v. DVI Receivables XIV, LLC, 818 F.3d 1283, 1288–1289 (11th Cir. 2016) (noting that the application of the bankruptcy rules to "essentially collateral matters" is appropriate only "when the case itself is a bankruptcy proceeding"). The First Circuit's decision unavoidably conflicts with this basic understanding.
- 6. By tying the bankruptcy rules to "related to" bankruptcy jurisdiction, the First Circuit's holding creates unjustified traps for litigants. Fairness requires that rules be knowable in advance. But the existence of "related to" bankruptcy jurisdiction is a difficult and frequently contested issue in which the right answer is not always clear. Under the

First Circuit's holding, litigants who make the wrong call risk permanently losing their claims by applying an entirely wrong set of rules. In this case, the First Circuit's retroactive application of the bankruptcy rules triggered a "domino effect" leading to dismissal of the plaintiffs' claims for lack of appellate jurisdiction. App. at 3. The shorter time period for post-judgment motions under the bankruptcy rules made the plaintiffs' motion untimely. And because an "untimely motion for reconsideration lacked tolling effect," their appeal was also late. App. at 7.

7. The applicants respectfully request a 48-day extension of time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the First Circuit's ruling and submit that there is good cause for granting the request. Applicants' counsel has been heavily engaged with other appellate matters, including an argument in the Ninth Circuit on October 25, 2021 in Berman, et al v. Freedom Financial Network LLC, No. 20-16900, and multiple unexpected briefs at the rehearing- and 23(f)-stages in the Ninth Circuit (in Brice v. Plain Green, LLC, No. 19-15707), the Eighth Circuit (in In re: Pre-Filled Propane Tank Antitrust Litigation, No. 14-2567), and the Fourth Circuit (in Stinson v. Gibbs, No. 21-280). Counsel also has multiple forthcoming oral arguments, including in the Ninth Circuit on December 10, 2021 in Cohen, et al v. Apple Inc., No. 20-17307, and in the Fourth Circuit the week of January 25-28, 2022 in Mey v. DIRECTV, LLC, No. 21-1274, and multiple briefs due in this Court and the Courts of Appeal throughout the months of December and January. Applicants' counsel also continues to have additional increased childcare obligations due to the pandemic as well as holiday-related travel over the next month-and-a-half. Extending the

deadline to file the petition in this case to January 24, 2022 will allow plaintiffs' counsel to carefully research and prepare the petition in this case.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the applicants respectfully request that the Court extend the time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter to and including January 24, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In compliance with Supreme Court Rules 29.3 and 29.5, I, Matthew W.H. Wessler, counsel of record for the applicants and a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on November 23, 2021, a copy of the accompanying Application for a 48-Day Extension of Time Within Which to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, filed in the above-captioned manner, was sent by commercial carrier and by electronic mail to:

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