



December 7, 2021

Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street N.E.
Washington, D.C 20543

Re: Armand Jones v. State of Mississippi, No. 21-618

Dear Mr. Harris:

I serve as counsel of record for Respondent the State of Mississippi in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was docketed on Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Though Mississippi waived the right to file a response to the petition, the Supreme Court requested that a response be filed on or before January 5, 2022. For the reasons that follow, and under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of thirty-one (31) days, to and including Monday, February 7, within which to file Mississippi's Response in Opposition.

An extension of time is necessary because I have a number of competing obligations within the coming weeks, including responsive briefs due to be filed in the Mississippi Supreme Court and a memorandum of law due to be filed in an ongoing civil post-conviction matter. The upcoming holiday season will also disrupt productivity.

This request is not made to cause undue delay or for any other improper purpose. I have contacted counsel for Petitioner Armand Jones, who represented that he does not oppose this request. For these reasons, I respectfully request a thirty-one-day extension of time, to and including Monday, February 7, within which to file Mississippi's Response in Opposition.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Barbara Wakeland Byrd

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