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In the Supreme Court of the United States

MAUDE LAROCHE-ST. FLEUR

Petitioner,

v.

BOARD OF BAR OVERSEERS OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF
MASSACHUSETTS, et al.,

Respondent / Complainants.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner, Maude Laroche-St. Fleur, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, seeks leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in *forma pauperis*.

Petitioner is a *pro se* litigant and a *solo* practitioner. Petitioner has been litigating this case since May 13, 2014, which include: (1) a trial in November 2015 and two rounds of fully briefed appeals to the State appellate courts; (2) the filing of a complaint in the United States District Court in January 2021; (3) Appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; (4) Proceedings


by the Board of Bar Overseers of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, which commenced in June 2020; (5) the filing of a Cert Petition on November 22, 2022; (6) a Motion for a Stay of Judgment of the court below in January 2023; and (7) this attached Cert Petition. As a result, Petitioner's ability to work on paid cases was severely restricted.

In addition, the court below seized Petitioner's license to practice law since March 2022. Consequently, Petitioner lacks the financial means to submit booklet-format documents pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 33.1.

Petitioner has not previously been granted leave to proceed in *forma pauperis* in any court.

Petitioner's declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of February, 2023.


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**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Maude Laroche-St. Fleur, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Laroche Law Office, LLC	43 Cummins Hwy, 2nd Floor Roslindale, MA 02131	01/01/2022 to 03/25/2022	\$ Not enough revenue
Laroche Law Office, LLC	43 Cummins Hwy, 2nd Floor	01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021	\$ 2,088 Based on Net Profit

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 750.00

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Checking Account	\$ 4,992	\$ N/A
Business Checking	\$ 2,142	\$ N/A
None	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☒ Home

Value 561,300 per Zillow Value

☐ Other real estate

Value None

I am an attorney. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court seized my license since March 25, 2022. The alleged basis for which my license was seized makes it impossible for me to get a job. I am a pro se litigant.

Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2003 Toyota Sienna
Value 1,000.00

Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model None
Value N/A

☐ Other assets

Description None

Value None

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
None	\$ 0.00	\$ N/A
None	\$ 0.00	\$ N/A
None	\$ 0.00	\$ N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
None	N/A	N/A
None	N/A	N/A
None	N/A	N/A

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 0.00	\$ N/A
Are real estate taxes included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Is property insurance included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 820.00	\$ N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$ As Needed	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 400.00	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ As Needed	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 20.00	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0.00	\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>60.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>As Needed</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>150.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>70.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>Real Property</u>	\$ <u>87.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>130.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>As Needed</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>701.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>None</u>	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>2,438.00</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

Heating bills will be lower

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

I am an attorney. The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court seized my license since March 25, 2022. I don't have any income ever since. I am a pro se litigant. If the Court grants my cert petition, I will be preparing the brief for filing.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: February 24, _____, 2022


(Signature)