

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHRISTINA JORDAN,
Petitioner,

v.

KARLA HOWELL, as administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Pierre Howell
Respondent.

DANIEL ERWIN,
Petitioner,

v.

KARLA HOWELL, as administratrix of the estate of Cornelius Pierre Howell
Respondent.

JOINT MOTION TO HOLD PETITIONS IN ABEYANCE

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Pursuant to Rule 21 of the Rules of this Court, petitioners and respondent hereby jointly move the Court to defer consideration of the petitions for certiorari in the above-referenced cases pending probate approval of a settlement agreement. The petitions are currently distributed for this Court's January 19, 2024, conference.

This Court has deferred consideration of certiorari petitions to allow settlement negotiations to proceed. *See, e.g., Peterson v. Linear Controls, Inc.*, 141 S. Ct. 83 (2020) (granting joint motion to defer consideration of petition for certiorari pending settlement negotiations); *Ortiz v. United States*, 578 U.S. 943 (2016) (same); *Dow Chemical Co. v. Industrial Polymers, Inc.*, 577 U.S. 1191 (2016) (same); *Cities Serv. Gas Co. v. Mobil Oil Corp.*, 487 U.S. 1231 (1988) (same); *Trans World Airlines, Inc. v. Zipes*, 442 U.S. 916 (1979) (same). Counsel could find no record of this Court denying such a motion when jointly filed.

Thus, the parties respectfully request that the Court defer consideration of the petitions in order to allow the settlement agreement to be finalized. Should the settlement receive probate approval, the parties anticipate filing a motion under this Court's Rule 46.

Respectfully submitted,

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