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CRIMINAL APPEALS

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

Re: *Sedrick D. Russell v. J. Denmark*, No. 23-5410

Dear Mr. Harris:

I serve as counsel of record for Respondent J. Denmark in the above-captioned case. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari was docketed on August 21, 2023. Though Respondent waived the right to file a response to the petition, the Supreme Court requested that a response be filed on or before October 18, 2023. Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of thirty (30) days, to and including Friday, November 17, 2023, within which to file Respondent's Response in Opposition.

An extension of time is necessary because I have many competing obligations in the coming weeks, including the filing of multiple responsive pleadings and motion responses in the Mississippi federal district courts, as well as administrative duties as Director of the Federal Habeas section of the Criminal Appeals Division.

This request is not made to cause undue delay or for any other improper purpose. Counsel for Petitioner confirmed that she does not oppose this requested extension of time. For these reasons, I respectfully request a thirty-day extension of time, to and including Friday, November 17, 2023, within which to file our Response in Opposition.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerrolyn M. Owens

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cc: Alysson L. Mills, Counsel of Record for Petitioner