



**BENT**  
L A W

ETHICAL HONEST  
TENACIOUS ADVOCATES  
FOR JUSTICE

111 West Port Plaza Drive, Suite 850  
St. Louis, Missouri 63146

Christopher B. Bent  
Licensed in Missouri & Illinois  
cbb@cbentlaw.com

December 6, 2023

**By Overnight Delivery**

Danny Bickell  
Deputy Clerk  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20543

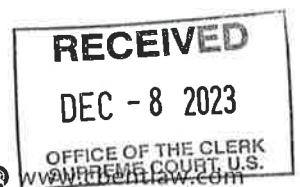
Re: *Jakob v. Cheeks*, S. Ct. No. 23-587

Dear Mr. Bickell:

I am counsel of record for Respondent in the above-referenced case. On November 29, 2023, a certiorari petition was filed in this case. Without an extension, a response is due on January 2, 2024. For the reasons that follow, and pursuant to Rule 30.4, I respectfully request an extension of 30 days, to and including February 1, 2024.

I am not a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court. Therefore, to submit a response, I will need to co-counsel with a member of this Court's Bar, and that attorney will need time to familiarize him or herself with the case. In addition, I have several professional obligations over the next several weeks, including filing: Motions for Summary Judgment; Federal Complaints; Pre-trial material; Attending Trial; and a host of other time sensitive client obligations. Finally, although the docket reflects that the petition in this case was filed on November 29, I was not served by email and have not yet received paper copies; I became aware of the petition only after another attorney noticed it on the Court's website and mentioned it to me five days later. Therefore, I lost several days of time in which to review the petition and seek assistance from a member of the Supreme Court Bar.

For these reasons, I ask that a 30-day extension be granted. Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bent", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher B. Bent  
Counsel For Respondent

cc: Robert Thomas Plunkert, Counsel for Petitioner