

DOCKET NO. _____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OCTOBER TERM, 2022

STEVEN RICHARD TAYLOR,

Petitioner,

vs.

**RICKY DIXON, Secretary,
Department of Corrections
State of Florida,**

Respondent.

**APPLICATION FOR SIXTY (60) DAY EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH
TO FILE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED
STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT**

COMES NOW, the Petitioner, **STEVEN RICHARD TAYLOR**, by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, respectfully requests an extension of time of sixty (60) days within which to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. In support of his request, Petitioner, through counsel, states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a death-sentenced inmate in the custody of the State of Florida. This case involves an appeal from the decision of the United States Court

of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit affirming the denial of federal habeas corpus relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2254.

2. This Court's jurisdiction rests on 28 U.S.C. §1254.

3. Petitioner was convicted of murder and sentenced to death in the circuit court of the Fourth Circuit in and for Duval County, Florida.

4. On April 11, 2023, Petitioner's appeal was denied by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (Attachment A). A timely motion for rehearing and rehearing *en banc* was filed and on June 26, 2023, the Eleventh Circuit denied the motion for rehearing (Attachment B). Petitioner's time to petition for certiorari in this Court expires September 24, 2023.

5. Petitioner shows the following good cause in support of this request.

6. On August 17, 2023, without notice, Michael Duane Zack's warrant was signed and his execution is scheduled for October 3, 2023. Undersigned represents Mr. Zack and is responsible for the anticipated litigation before the federal courts. In addition, co-counsel in Mr. Taylor's case has also been assisting with the warrant litigation in Mr. Zack's case. Due to the extreme time pressures of death warrant litigation along with counsels' other obligations and administrative duties, undersigned has little time to devote to preparing Mr. Taylor's petition for writ of certiorari.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, through his undersigned counsel, respectfully requests an extension of time of sixty (60) days within which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit on the above-styled case.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing motion has been furnished by United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, to all counsel of record on August 23, 2023.

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