PROOF OF SERVICE BY DECLARATION

Petitioner, Mark Jerome Johnson Blount, Esq., hereby declares, under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the facts and circumstances under which service of the foregoing Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was effectuated upon the named defendants.

First, Petitioner declares that all parties required to be served in this appeal have been served with the foregoing petition. All of the named defendants are represented by Wyatt R. Nelson, telephone number (417) 831-4406, and on February 9, 2024, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.3, Petitioner served the named defendants in this case by mail by depositing three copies of Petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the United States Postal Service for delivery by first-class mail (including express or priority mail), postage prepaid, to the address of the above-referenced defendants' counsel of record Wyatt R. Nelson, at:

Wyatt R. Nelson, U.S. Attorney's Office, 901 St. Louis Street, Suite 500 Springfield, MO 65806

As the United States and one or more of its agencies, officers, or employees are parties to this case, on February 9, 2024, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 29.4, Petitioner additionally served three copies of the foregoing petition on the Solicitor General of the United States, by mail, by depositing three copies of Petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Certiorari with the United States Postal Service for delivery by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the U.S. Solicitor General at:

Solicitor General of the United States,

Department of Justice,

950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Room 5616,

Washington, DC 20530-0001

These instances of service by mail were made at or before the time of the filing of Petitioner's Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, as they were made contemporaneous in time to Petitioner's mailing of the foregoing petition to the Clerk of the United States Supreme Court via first-class mail, postage prepaid.

I declare, certify, verify, and state under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on February 9, 2024.

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