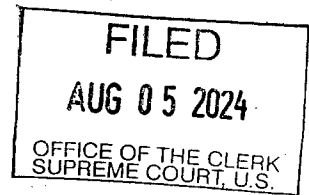


No. 24-6602



IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Amia Young-Trezvant — PETITIONER  
(Your Name)

vs.

Lone Star College System RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

United States Court of Appeals for the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit  
(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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### **QUESTION(S) PRESENTED**

- 1. Did the lower court's failure to ensure timely delivery of judgment and opinion documents violate my due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment?**
- 2. Does the court's reliance on electronic and postal notification systems, despite documented delivery issues, constitute a failure to provide me with equal access to the justice system?**

## LIST OF PARTIES

- ☒ All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.
- ☐ All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

## RELATED CASES

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1. *Young-Trezvant v. Lone Star College System*, No. 4:23-cv-01695 (U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
2. *Young-Trezvant v. Lone Star College System*, No. 23-20551 (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit)

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Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

**OPINIONS BELOW**

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

☐ reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☒ is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix B to the petition and is

☐ reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,  
☒ is unpublished.

☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_ to the petition and is

☐ reported at \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
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## JURISDICTION

☒ For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was May 31, 2024.

☐ No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

☒ A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: Aug 2, 2024, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. A \_\_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was \_\_\_\_\_.  
A copy of that decision appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including \_\_\_\_\_ (date) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) in Application No. A \_\_\_\_\_.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

## **CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED**

### **U.S. Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment**

“No state shall...deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law...”

## **STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

This petition concerns procedural due process issues stemming from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit's failure to ensure proper and timely delivery of judgment and opinion documents. On June 25, 2024, I, Amia Young-Trezvant, received a letter addressed to Mr. Nathan Ochsner from Melissa V. Mattingly, Deputy Clerk. The letter, dated June 24, 2024, mentioned an enclosed judgment and opinion from the court. However, no enclosures were included.

On June 24, 2024, I also received an email from the court with the subject line, "Activity in Case 4:23-cv-01695 Young-Trezvant v. Lone Star College System USCA Order," referencing an order affirming the decision (Document Number 38). This email also did not include the necessary documents. Despite the docket indicating a final order, I was left without access to the court's opinion, significantly hindering my ability to review and respond in a timely manner.

After contacting the court, I was advised to register for the PACER system. Despite completing registration, I remained unable to access these critical documents. Without timely access, I was effectively deprived of the ability to seek a rehearing within the court-mandated timeframe. These delays and access issues present a significant due process concern, warranting the Supreme Court's review.

## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

I respectfully request that the Court grant this petition for the following reasons:

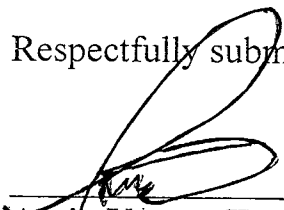
- i. **Due Process Violation:** The Court of Appeals' failure to provide me with the necessary judgment and opinion documents in a timely manner resulted in a procedural due process violation. I was denied the opportunity to review and respond appropriately, which impeded my access to justice. The Fourteenth Amendment guarantees that no one shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. By not ensuring that I received these documents, the court compromised my procedural rights under this amendment.
- ii. **Significance of Notification Systems:** This case raises a critical question about the reliability and fairness of court communication systems. Courts are increasingly relying on electronic notifications and postal services, yet this case highlights significant flaws in these systems. It is imperative that the Court examine whether the current systems in place adequately protect the rights of pro se litigants like myself and ensure equal access to the justice system.
- iii. **Clarification for Lower Courts:** Lower courts need guidance on their obligations to ensure that litigants, particularly pro se parties, receive timely notification of decisions. Pro se litigants often lack the resources to navigate delays or technical barriers, creating a significant disadvantage. By granting this petition, the Court has an opportunity to clarify the standards for notification and access to case-related documents, ensuring fair treatment for all parties involved.

## CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully pray that this Honorable Court grant my Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Amia Young-Trezvant

Date. Dec 20, 2024