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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

KEVIN KOELEMIJ,
Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,
Respondent.

ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT
COURT APPEALS

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh Circuit:

Introduction

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 13.5, the Petitioner, Kevin Koelemij, respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this Court, to and including September 11, 2025.

Jurisdiction

The order of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirming the denial of the Petitioner's motion for a certificate of appealability was entered on May 12, 2025. Unless extended, the time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari would expire on August 11, 2025.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). A copy of the opinion of the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals is included in the appendix to this motion.

Argument

The issue in this case is whether the Petitioner's request for a certificate of appealability was improperly denied.

Unfortunately, undersigned counsel's schedule requires him to seek an extension of time in this case. In particular, since the Eleventh Court of Appeals entered its order, undersigned counsel has participated in one oral argument before a Florida appellate court and two postconviction evidentiary hearings before Florida circuit

courts, lectured at two continuing legal education seminars, attended the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and attended the Florida Bar Annual Convention (including attending three committee meetings).

Additionally, during the next month, undersigned counsel will be attending two postconviction evidentiary hearings before Florida circuit courts, one trial before a Florida circuit court, sentencing hearing before a federal court, and one motion hearing before a Florida circuit court.¹

Therefore, the Petitioner requests an extension of thirty days to file the petition for a writ of certiorari. No party will be prejudiced by the granting of a thirty-day extension in this case.

Accordingly, the Petitioner respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for writ of certiorari by thirty days.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Undersigned counsel will appear at the trial beginning on July 21, 2025, in *State v. Bollis*, case number 2019-CF-694, pending in the Florida Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court (Indian River County). Undersigned counsel will appear at the sentencing hearing on July 23, 2025, in *United States of America v. Christopher Switlyk*, case number 8:24-cr-234, pending in the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida (Tampa). Undersigned counsel will appear at postconviction evidentiary hearings on: 1) August 12, 2025, in *State v. Hayes*, case number 2018-CF-3407, pending in the Florida Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court (Bay County); and 2) August 22, 2025, in *State v. Sowers*, case numbers 2014-CF-10560, 2016-CF-2970, 2016-CF-3149, and 2016-CF-3627, pending in the Florida Fourth Judicial Circuit Court (Duval County). Undersigned counsel will appear at a motion hearing on September 2, 2025, in *State v. Traffanstead*, case number , pending in the Florida Judicial Circuit Court.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Michael Ufferman, a member of the Bar of this Court, hereby certify that on the 10th day of July, 2025, a copy of this Application For Extension of Time To File A Petition For A Writ Of Certiorari in the above-entitled case was mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the Office of the Attorney General, PL-01, The Capitol, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1050 (counsel for the Respondent herein). I further certify that all parties required to be served have been served.

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