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VIA USPS PRIORITY MAIL

Mr. Scott S. Harris
Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street NE
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *James L. Hines v. Lon Porph, et. al.; U.S. Supreme Court Case No. 17-896*

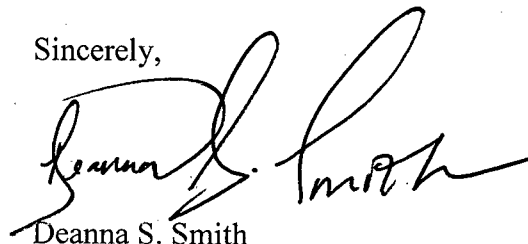
Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent the Respondents, *Lon Porph, et al.*, in the above-referenced case. I am writing to request an extension of time to respond to Mr. Hines' Petition for the Writ of Certiorari, which was docketed by the Court on December 21, 2017. The current response deadline is January 22, 2018.

I am requesting this extension, because I am currently not a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar Association, and need time to complete the process of admission to practice law before the Court. Based on the foregoing, I respectfully request a sixty (60) day extension of time to file a brief on behalf of the Respondents.

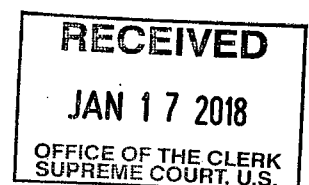
Should you have any questions or concerns, or need any other information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Deanna S. Smith

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cc: James L. Hines



I, Deanna S. Smith, do hereby declare:

I have served James L. Hines with a copy of the enclosed letter to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States by First-Class Mail on January 8, 2017 at the following address:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. (28 U.S.C. 1746).

Executed on January 8, 2017.

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Dear Mr. Hines,

Pursuant to Rule 29 of the Rule of the United States Supreme Court, I have enclosed a copy of the letter to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States

Sincerely,

/s/ Deanna S. Smith

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Enclosure