

IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT

Joel M. Hicklin, No. 1507801,

Petitioner,

v.

Record No. 170667

Harold Clarke, Director of VDOC

Respondent,

< PRAYER FOR TIME EXTENSION >

Comes Now, the petitioner Joel M. Hicklin, Pro se, in the custody of Virginia Department of Corrections and in compliance with this court rules governing such request, and request in prayer that this Honorable Court afford him additional time and the opportunity to be heard in an appeal from the Virginia Supreme Court refusing to issue him a Writ of Habeas Corpus after consideration of the cause herein shown;

< CONCISE STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND MATERIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL COURT AND SUPREME COURT >

The petitioner, Joel Hicklin, is detained under a final order of the circuit court in the city of Richmond entered on May 18, 2015 and a notice of appeal was timely noted on Dec. 11, 2015 and the Virginia Court of Appeals granted his petition for appeal as to both assignments of error. The court affirmed in an unpublished opinion on May 3, 2016. On Jan. 11, 2017 the Virginia supreme court denied his petition for appeal.

In 2017 Petitioner sought a writ of Habeas Corpus in the Supreme Court challenging his unlawful confinement. However, on Jan. 29th, 2018, the court refused to issue the writ.
(Supreme Court opinion enclosed)

< CAUSE >

Petitioner Avers that he needs more time to properly reach an understanding of the Supreme Court's opinion and to raise an appeal. Also he admits that he didn't receive his legal mail within the institution until 2 months later (see Affidavit and institutional counselor's attestation). Petitioner also admits that he does not have legal skill and will need extra time to prepare an appeal.

WHEREFORE, Premises considered, Petitioner respectfully request that this Honorable Court grant him the time needed to appeal. Executed this 10th day of April 2018.