

July 13, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Scott S. Harris
Clerk, Supreme Court of the United States
One First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20543

Re: *Hughes, et al. v. Northwestern University, et al.* (No. 19-1401), extension request for Brief in Opposition

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondents Northwestern University, Northwestern University Retirement Investment Committee, Pamela S. Beemer, Ronald R. Braeutigam, Kathleen Hagerty, Craig A. Johnson, Candy Lee, William H. McLean, Ingrid S. Stafford, Nimalan Chinniah, and Eugene S. Sunshine in the above-captioned matter. The petition for a writ of certiorari was filed and docketed on June 19, 2020; in the absence of an extension, the brief in opposition would be due on July 23, 2020. I am writing to request a 32-day extension of time for filing the brief in opposition to and including Monday, August 24, 2020. The petition purports to raise a question implicating a circuit split concerning the standard for pleading a breach of ERISA's duty of prudence. The petition arises from lengthy lower court opinions and references a statutory appendix compiling various detailed provisions. The requested extension is necessary due to the press of significant other business and to provide additional counsel who will be working on this matter sufficient time to become familiar with the lower court proceedings. Counsel for Petitioners has consented to the requested extension.

For the reasons stated above, respondents therefore respectfully request that the time for filing a brief in opposition be extended to and including August 24, 2020.

Sincerely,

s/ Craig C. Martin
Craig C. Martin

Counsel of Record for Respondents.