



OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

October 8, 2019

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

RE: *Cuesta-Rodriguez v. Sharp*, Case No. 19-5968

Dear Mr. Harris:

Pursuant to Rule 30.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, undersigned counsel hereby requests an extension of time in which to respond to the petition for writ of certiorari filed in the above-captioned case. The extension is justified for the following reasons.

The petition was filed on September 13, 2019. The brief in opposition is due on October 17, 2019. Counsel for the State will not be able to complete the brief by the filing deadline for the following reasons. The undersigned is currently completing the Brief of Appellee in *Nelson v. State*, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Case Number F-2018-1208, due October 17, 2019, on final extension.

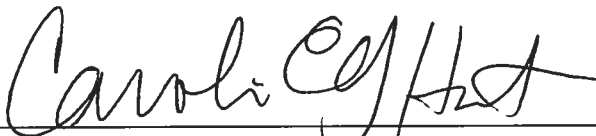
Today, October 8, 2019, the undersigned is filing the Petition for Panel Rehearing or Rehearing En Banc in *Smith v. Sharp*, Tenth Circuit Case Number 17-6184, a death penalty case, with a voluminous record and numerous complicated issues, in which the Tenth Circuit recently granted habeas relief. Also today, the undersigned is filing a Reply in Support of the State's Combined Petition for Writ of Prohibition and Application for Stay of District Court Proceedings in *State v. Nightingale*, Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals Case Number PR-2019-640, a complex racketeering case in which the State is seeking extraordinary relief from the state appellate court.

On September 30, 2019, the undersigned filed a Response to Petitioner's Motion for Stay and Abeyance of Proceedings in the habeas case of *Gleason v. Dowling*, United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma Case Number 19-CV-0157-JED-JFJ.

In addition, the undersigned is a reviewer of the work of another attorney in the criminal appeals unit of the Office of the Attorney General of Oklahoma, and in that capacity reviews all pleadings filed by that individual. This responsibility consumes a significant amount of the undersigned's time.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the State respectfully requests an additional thirty days, or until November 16, 2019, in which to file its brief in opposition.

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