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**Via Electronic Filing**

Hon. Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First St., N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

**Re: No. 22-913, Richard Devillier, et al., v. State of Texas**

Dear Mr. Harris:

Under Supreme Court Rule 30.4, respondents respectfully move for an extension of the time for filing their brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

This is respondent's first request for an extension. The response to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter is currently due May 10, 2023. Respondents request a 30-day extension of time to file their response, which results in a new filing date of June 9, 2023. My office conferred with counsel for petitioners on April 19, 2023, and counsel indicated that petitioners do not oppose the requested extension.

The extension is needed because the undersigned counsel and other counsel assisting with this matter have had and will continue to have numerous briefing and argument obligations that have delayed the preparation of the brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter, including:

- Petition for writ of mandamus filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on April 20 in *In re Bobby Lumpkin*, No. 23-20169;
- Reply brief due in Texas's Fifth Court of Appeals on April 25 in *Paxton v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline*, No. 05-23-00128-CV;

- Petition for review due in the Supreme Court of Texas on April 26 in *Texas Department of Family and Protective Services et. A. v. Grassroots Leadership, Inc. et al.*, No. 23-0192;
- Oral argument in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on May 2 in *Mendoza v. Lumpkin*, No. 12-70035;
- Brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari due in this Court on May 17 in *Aranda v. Lumpkin*, No. 22-7301 (capital case); and
- Brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari due in this Court on May 17 in *Prible v. Lumpkin*, No. 22-6798 (capital case).

For the foregoing reasons, Respondent respectfully requests a 30-day extension of the deadline for filing a brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari, creating a new deadline of June 9, 2023.

Sincerely,

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