
In The
Supreme Court of the United States

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CARLOS E. MOORE, MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Applicant,

v.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL

PERFORMANCE,

Respondents.

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**On Application for an Extension of Time to File Petition for a Writ of
Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**

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To the Honorable Samuel Alito, as Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit:

In accordance with this Court's Rules 13.5, Applicant Carlos E. Moore respectfully requests that the time to file its petition for a writ of certiorari be extended for 60 days, up to and including Friday, June 14, 2025. The Mississippi Supreme Court issued its en banc opinion on January 16, 2025. Absent an extension of time, the petition would be due on April 16, 2025. The jurisdiction of this Court is based on 28 U.S.C. 1257.

Background

This case presents an important question implicating the First Amendment rights of judges and judicial ethics. Carlos E. Moore, former National Bar Association president and Mississippi judge, was permanently removed from the bench for online and television comments about racial injustice. The Mississippi Commission on Judicial Performance had requested Moore be removed from the bench and suspended for six years, in addition to a \$5,000 fine. The commission also recommended that the attorney receive a public reprimand.

The high court's decision, however, removed Moore from the bench permanently. The Mississippi Supreme Court found violations of ethical canons requiring judges to uphold the integrity of the judiciary, to promote confidence in the judiciary, to perform judicial duties without bias or prejudice, and to conduct extrajudicial activities without casting doubt on their capacity to act impartially.

A dissenting justice argued that Moore's statements were "discussions of broad public importance at best and ambiguous at worst." As a result, he would find them to be protected by the First Amendment, and he would dismiss the complaint. The case was detailed in the American Bar Association journal and other prominent publications.

Reasons For Granting an Extension of Time

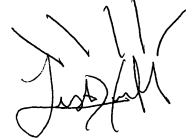
On April 8th, 2025, Applicant retained pro bono representation for the purposes of filing a petition for certiorari. This new counsel was not previously involved in litigating this case, and he requires additional time to familiarize himself with the trial and appellate records and to prepare the petition. This is also counsel's first case before the United States Supreme Court as counsel of record, and counsel has experienced a lack of clarity regarding the time and manner of presenting the application.

Conclusion

Applicant requests that the time to file a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned matter be extended 60 days to and including June 14, 2025.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,



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