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Re: Application for extension of time to file brief in opposition to petition  
for writ of certiorari, *Hamm v. Sockwell*, Case No. 25-558

Dear Mr. Harris:

I represent respondent Michael Sockwell in the above-captioned matter and will act as pro bono counsel of record for Sockwell before this Court. Under Supreme Court Rules 15.3 and 30.4, I respectfully request a 30-day extension on Sockwell's deadline for filing his brief in opposition to the petition for writ of certiorari. Sockwell's brief is currently due on December 8, 2025. If this extension is granted, Sockwell's brief would be due on January 7, 2026.

The extension is necessary due to my other professional commitments. Among other things, I am traveling for an oral argument on December 2, 2025, in *Chacon v. Philip Morris USA Inc.*, No. 3D23-2163 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App.). I am drafting an opposition to class certification and a motion for summary judgment in *Gershfeld v. Home Depot*, No. 30-2024-01409225-CU-MT-CXC (Cal. Super. Ct.), both of which are due on December 10, 2025. I am drafting an Eleventh Circuit brief in *United States v. Bastidas*, No. 24-13171 (11th Cir.), due on December 29, 2025. And I am drafting a Second Circuit brief in *United States v. Morris*, No. 24-cr-00358 (2d Cir.), due on January 3, 2026.

I have contacted counsel for petitioner, who informed me that he has no objection to the extension being granted.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael Rayfield

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