

No. 25-6059

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CRISTINA M. LANCRANJAN,  
Petitioner,

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, et al.,  
Respondents.

SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEF FOR PETITIONER

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 15.8

## I. NEW INTERVENING MATTER: EXHAUSTION OF STATE REMEDIES

Petitioner Cristina M. Lancranjan respectfully submits this Supplemental Brief to inform the Court of a dispositive intervening matter. On November 14, 2025 (Case No. S293936) and November 19, 2025 (Case No. S294010), the Supreme Court of California summarily denied Petitioner's Petitions for Review. (See Orders attached as Appendix A and B).

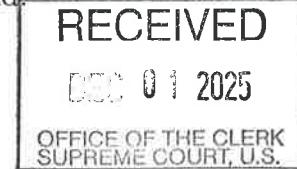
With these denials, Petitioner has fully exhausted all available state remedies regarding the disqualification of the trial judge and the stay of proceedings. The state courts have definitively refused to enforce the mandatory disqualification provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure § 170.3(c)(4), leaving Petitioner trapped before a judicial officer who is disqualified by operation of law.

## II. INTERVENING MATTER: RETALIATION AND DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS (NOV 18 & 20, 2025)

Since the docketing of this Petition (No. 25-6059), the trial court's conduct has escalated from bias to open retaliation and active violation of Due Process.

### A. The Hearing of November 18, 2025: Ratification of Fraud

On November 18, 2025, the trial court denied Petitioner's motion to set aside fraudulent Findings and Orders After Hearing (FOAHs) dated May 15 and June 24, 2025. Petitioner presented irrefutable evidence that opposing counsel had forged her signature on these orders and failed to serve them as required by California Rules of Court. Despite this evidence, the trial judge refused to vacate the orders, thereby ratifying the fraud.



## B. The "Ambush" Hearing of November 20, 2025

On November 20, 2025, Judge Morris presided over a hearing regarding the void bifurcation judgment. During this hearing:

1. Trial by Ambush: Opposing counsel attempted to introduce Petitioner's confidential attorney-client billing statements to justify sanctions. These documents were obtained through a prior void order (July 10, 2025) and were not served on Petitioner prior to the hearing, constituting a "trial by ambush" and a violation of basic notice requirements.
2. Fabrication of "Immigration" Narrative: When Petitioner objected to the use of these privileged documents, opposing counsel falsely stated to the Court that Petitioner was "looking into the immigration status" of the Real Party's current wife. This was a complete fabrication designed to prejudice the Court.
3. Judicial Retaliation in the Record: Instead of ruling on the privilege objection, Judge Morris became enraged. He accused Petitioner of "lying" for asserting the privilege and instructed the Court Clerk to enter into the official minute order that Petitioner "lied to the Judge." This finding was made without evidence and solely to punish Petitioner for asserting a constitutional right.
4. The \$10,000 Retaliatory Sanction: Immediately following this exchange, Judge Morris issued a sanction of \$10,000 against Petitioner. This sanction effectively bankrupts Petitioner, an indigent mother facing eviction, and serves as a penalty for her refusal to waive privilege.
5. Refusal to Address Eviction: Petitioner informed the Court she is facing imminent eviction due to the Court's prior orders allowing the Real Party in Interest to seize over \$1 million in community assets while paying zero support. Judge Morris refused to grant relief, using financial strangulation as a tool of litigation management.

## III. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER FOR RELIEF

The "Appellate Void" described in the Petition is now confirmed. The state's highest court has refused to intervene. The trial judge is using his power to retaliate against a litigant for seeking federal review.

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

1. GRANT the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.
2. ISSUE AN IMMEDIATE STAY of all proceedings in San Diego Superior Court Case No. 23FL000584C, specifically enjoining the trial court from conducting the "Vexatious Litigant" and Custody Modification hearings on December 2, 2025, and the Financial Trial scheduled for January 5, 2026.
3. ORDER the vacation of all void orders entered by the disqualified judge since May 16, 2025, including the retaliatory sanctions issued on November 20, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Cristina M. Lancranjan  
Cristina M. Lancranjan  
Petitioner, Pro Se  
Date: November 22, 2025

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The petition for review and application for stay are denied.

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