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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Derrick G. James

— PETITIONER

(Your Name)

vs.

The Geo Group, Inc., et al

— RESPONDENT(S)

ON PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO

United States Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals

(NAME OF COURT THAT LAST RULED ON MERITS OF YOUR CASE)

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Derrick G. James

(Your Name)

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Florida City, Florida 33034

(City, State, Zip Code)

(Phone Number)

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED

Can A Court Be Allowed To Ignore

This Court's Instructions Set Forth In Haines v. Kerner?

And If So To What Degree?

LIST OF PARTIES

[] All parties appear in the caption of the case on the cover page.

[✓] All parties **do not** appear in the caption of the case on the cover page. A list of all parties to the proceeding in the court whose judgment is the subject of this petition is as follows:

Defendants / Appellees

Lawrence

Christopher Cruz

Uxavier Broomfield

Charmanica Spivey

Perri Scott

Christopher Castner

The Geo Group Inc.

Petitioner

Derrick G. James

Wicker Smith O'hara McCoy
& Ford P.A. Counsel for
Appellees

RELATED CASES

James v. The Geo Group, Inc., et al. No. 9:22-cv-80298-JEM,
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida.
Judgment entered March 22, 2023.

James v. The Geo Group, Inc., et al. No. 24-11458, USCA
11th Circuit.
Judgment entered January 2, 2026.

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OTHER

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner respectfully prays that a writ of certiorari issue to review the judgment below.

OPINIONS BELOW

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The opinion of the United States court of appeals appears at Appendix A to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at _____; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
☐ is unpublished.

The opinion of the United States district court appears at Appendix B to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at _____; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
☐ is unpublished.

☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The opinion of the highest state court to review the merits appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at _____; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
☐ is unpublished.

The opinion of the _____ court appears at Appendix _____ to the petition and is

- ☐ reported at _____; or,
☐ has been designated for publication but is not yet reported; or,
☐ is unpublished.

JURISDICTION

☐ For cases from **federal courts**:

The date on which the United States Court of Appeals decided my case was January 2, 2026.

☒ No petition for rehearing was timely filed in my case.

☐ A timely petition for rehearing was denied by the United States Court of Appeals on the following date: _____, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix _____.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including _____ (date) on _____ (date) in Application No. ____ A ____.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1254(1).

☐ For cases from **state courts**:

The date on which the highest state court decided my case was _____.
A copy of that decision appears at Appendix _____.

☐ A timely petition for rehearing was thereafter denied on the following date: _____, and a copy of the order denying rehearing appears at Appendix _____.

☐ An extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari was granted to and including _____ (date) on _____ (date) in Application No. ____ A ____.

The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U. S. C. § 1257(a).

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY PROVISIONS INVOLVED

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

A Pro se Civil Complaint was filed by Plaintiff James. James later acquired an Attorney, i.e. Ana Davide who filed a Second Amended Complaint. Such was deemed a shot-gun Complaint by the District Court. A Third Amended Complaint was then filed in which the Defendants Counsel again argued that another shot-gun Complaint had been filed. Plaintiff James then immediately filed a "Petition To Proceed Pro se which had a Pro se Fourth Amended Complaint attached." These filings took place before the District Court rendered its ruling on Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint filed by Attorney Ana Davide. Soon thereafter, the District Court "Granted" Plaintiff's Petition To Proceed Pro se. Following such Order the Defendants Counsel filed a Petition contesting the District Court's ruling - and in doing so - argued that Plaintiff James had failed to request for Leave of Court to Proceed Pro se. The District Court then reversed itself by later striking Plaintiff's Pro se Fourth Amended Complaint and Dismissing Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint With Prejudice due to another shot-gun Complaint having been filed by Attorney Davide. Plaintiff James argued that his Petition To Proceed Pro se should have been treated as a Request For Leave Of Court being that he was a Pro se Litigant. James also cited Haines v. Kerner. The United State Eleventh Circuit Court Of Appeals disagreed by ruling that Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 (a)(2) was not followed. See attached Appendix A.

REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

A Clarity Issue Is In Dispute Concerning
This Court's Instructions In Haines v. Kerner
-vs- An Alleged US District Court Rule
Violation and Federal Rules of Civil
Procedure

CONCLUSION

The petition for a writ of certiorari should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick H. James

Date: February 28, 2026