

No. 25-852

IN THE  
Supreme Court of the United States

KIMBERLY EDELSTEIN,

Petitioner

v.

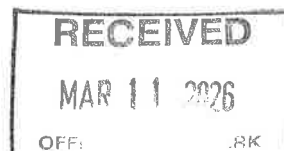
ELIOTT EDELSTEIN,

Respondent

On Petition For Writ Of Certiorari  
To Court of Appeals for the First District of Ohio

SUPPLEMENT TO  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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## ARGUMENT

This supplement is provided as an update on the lower state court's activity regarding the first Question Presented in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Case No. 25-852, Edelstein v. Edelstein. This Petition is set to go to conference on March 20, 2026 and Petitioner requests this Supplement accompany the Petition for Writ of Certiorari as it related to the first Question Presented.

The first Question Presented in the Petition for Writ of Certiorari was:

"Whether federal supremacy and 14th Amendment due process and equal protection are violated when a state court deprives an individual of a vested personal property interest by reclassifying a federal civil-rights verdict award as divisible under state law, through extra record fact finding and judicial notice of disputed facts, without neutral adjudication, adequate process, or meaningful appellate enforcement of constitutional limits."

This Question relates to Judge Anne Flottman's ("Flottman") misconduct in satisfying a quid pro quo by taking petitioner's personal injury verdict of \$1.12 million dollar and reclassifying it as divisible marital property to be able to award \$417,000 to Respondent, Elliott Edelstein ("Respondent") in a divorce decree.

In February 2026, after the Petition for Writ of Certiorari was filed with this Honorable Court, Judge Michael Barrett ("Barrett") of the Southern District of Ohio refused intervention by the Respondent when the Respondent sought a direct disbursement from the federal court of Petitioner's verdict amount based on the divorce decree that is currently before this court for review. The Respondent does not have a lien against the verdict and he moved to intervene nine years after he was alerted to the case and a potential right to intervene.

When Respondent was unsuccessful with his request to the federal court, Respondent then approached Flottman, who has been acting on a quid pro quo that Petitioner discovered. On February 20, 2026, Respondent filed an emergency motion to order Petitioner to have the federal clerk wire the entire amount of the over \$1.12 million held by the federal court to Respondent's attorneys, Strauss Troy, Co., LPA (one of the partners at Strauss Troy happens to be a former law clerk of Barrett). Petitioner was given no time or right to file a Response to this Emergency Motion. Respondent used one exhibit as evidence to support his Emergency Motion. Notably, Petitioner had proved the same exhibit was being misrepresented by Respondent at the federal court, had previously filed evidence with Flottman's Court to prove Respondent's representations on the same issue were inaccurate, and Respondent's exhibit was also ultimately disregarded by Barrett when he denied intervention.

Flottman, instead, accepted the exhibit from Respondent as accurate and issued an order, one business day later (February 23, 2026), for Petitioner to deposit the entire amount into Strauss Troy's client account, until further court order and under threat of contempt. The Order, therefore, demands Petitioner turns over all funds, including those over \$417,000. This is a blatant theft of Petitioner's verdict and done specifically to keep Petitioner indigent and unable to fight for custody of her son. Furthermore, ordering the \$417,000 to be deposited with Strauss Troy would be an improper overreach of authority as the \$417,000 is currently in dispute because it was given to Respondent contrary to federal law (this is at issue before this Court).

Petitioner supplements her Petition for Writ of Certiorari with Flottman's February 2026 Order (Supplemental Appendix 1). There is no legal basis or precedent for all of the verdict funds to be wired to an attorney that does not represent Petitioner or for the Domestic Relations Court to assume control over Petitioner's federal verdict. There is no lien on the verdict and a portion was assigned to a third party one year prior to the divorce decree. Therefore, Flottman is attempting to bypass the legal rights of the assignee and prevent Petitioner from distributing the verdict to her creditors in a legal order of priority. Notably, Flottman ignores the fact that Respondent is not a lien holder or even first in priority. Once again, Flottman's conduct demonstrates she is motivated by the quid pro quo and not her duty to follow the law.

On a final note, Flottman violated Petitioner's constitutional rights by previously holding her in contempt and continues to abuse Petitioner and violate her constitutional rights with this recent threat of contempt. Petitioner is an attorney and former Magistrate with a known reputation for integrity. It is incredibly upsetting to her that there are contempt charges against her for being unable to pay \$7,000 when Ohio law provides the inability to pay as a defense to contempt. Flottman simply ignored the law and evidence of indigence. The other contempt charges were for Petitioner's inability to break the Sabbath and drive for visitations when the Court refused equitable visitation/transportation requirements. These contempt charges, and the new threat of contempt, are simply more evidence of how Petitioner has been targeted for political retaliation for receiving this large jury verdict. Petitioner would request this Honorable Court review the Supplemental Appendix 1 as further demonstration of Flottman's pattern of violating Petitioner's constitutional rights.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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SUPPLEMENTAL APPENDIX 1



interest will be served by thwarting Mother's attempt to further disregard this Court's

orders. This order is also in the best interest of Father and Mother's minor child, S.E. This Order is supported by the fact that Mother has repeatedly defied this Court's orders in the past and has been held in contempt many times.

This order is further supported by the fact that Mother claims to be/ jurisdiction.

To preserve the status quo until a full hearing on this matter can be conducted in this court, Mother is hereby order to act as follows:

1. Mother shall provide the following wiring and payment instructions to the clerk of court of the southern district of Ohio relative to the distribution of funds held by that court in Case No. 1:17-cv-305:

Wire Instructions

Bank name: PNC Bank  
201 East Fifth Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Bank ABA Number: 041000124

Beneficiary Account No.: 407-252-7766

Beneficiary Account Name:  
Strauss Troy Co., LPA  
Trust Account #2  
150 East Fourth Street, 4th Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-4186

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Beneficiary Contact: Pam Schott at 513-621-2120

SWIFT code (for international wires only):PNCCUS33

To confirm wire instructions, contact: Pam Schott or  
Lynn LaFata at (513) 621-2120.

2. Mother shall not provide any other wiring or payment instructions to the Clerk of Court of the Southern District of Ohio other than those listed here.

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3. Mother's failure to follow this order shall be deemed contempt of this court and will be addressed accordingly.

4. Father's counsel in Case No. 1:17-cv-305, Strauss Troy Co., LPA, shall hold the transferred funds in its client trust account until further order of this court.

/s/ Anne B. Flottman

Judge Flottman 02/23/2026

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