

No. 25-896

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In the  
Supreme Court of the United States

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MICHAEL J. HOUSE,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, ET AL.,  
*Respondents.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

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PETITION FOR REHEARING

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## PETITION FOR REHEARING

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 44 Petitioner Michael J. House Hereby respectfully petitions this Court to rehear the conference and reconsider its March 23, 2026 order denying certiorari in this case for the following reasons and upon the following additional grounds.



## GROUND FOR REHEARING

A rehearing is necessitated by the discovery of a non-disclosed conflict Of interest involving court personnel, which creates an appearance of partiality that Undermines the integrity of the judicial process under 28 U.S.C. § 455.”

**28 U.S.C. § 455:** Requires any Justice, Judge or Magistrate to disqualify themselves in any proceeding in which their “impartiality might reasonably be questioned.”

**Canon 3 of the Code of Conduct for Judicial Employees:** States that clerks And court staff must avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety To protect the integrity of the court.

**Supreme Court Rule 44.1:** Emphasize that discovery of the depth of this Connection constitutes the “intervening circumstances” or “substantial grounds” Required for a rehearing.



## REASONS FOR GRANTING THE PETITION

**Statement of Facts:** Conflict of Interest in Support for Rehearing (Rule 44) John R. Phillips III (often referred to as Jake Phillips) is currently the Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of GE Aerospace.

He joined the General Electric company GE Aerospace in October 2023, following a significant career in both public and private legal sectors. Regarding his clerkship history with the Supreme Court is as follows:

Jake Phillips clerked for Justice Antonin Scalia during the 2004-2005 term. Because the Supreme Court is a small, insular community, law clerks work in extremely close quarters not just with their own Justice, but with other Justices and their clerks.

During his time at the Court Jake Phillips would have worked directly alongside several current and former Justices.

Chief Justice John Roberts joined the Court in 2005, right as Phillips was finishing his tenure.

Justice Clarence Thomas was a close colleague of Scalia; Phillips would have interacted with him daily.

Justice Samuel Alito joined shortly after Phillips clerkship and they moved in the same conservative legal circles.

Because Jake Phillips is a prominent member of the "Scalia Clerk" alumni he is part of a high level social circle that includes:

**Justice Amy Coney Barrett:** Also a former Scalia clerk (1998-1999). In the World of Supreme Court alumni, former clerks for the same Justice often attend The same reunions and dinners hosted by the Scalia Family.

**Justice Elena Kagan:** Served as the Solicitor General and Dean of Harvard Law While Phillips was a rising in the D.C. legal scene.

**Justice Neil Gorsuch and Justice Brett Kavanaugh:** Both were fellow clerks in the early 2000s. Gorsuch clerked for Kennedy/White and Kavanaugh for Kennedy. It is almost certain they know Phillips personally from the tight knit clerk social scene.

As a high ranking executive for GE Aerospace and a former White House Deputy Counsel, Phillips likely sees the Justices at formal D.C. functions, such as:

**The Supreme Court Historical Society Annual Dinner:** A Black tie event where Justices and top lawyers mingle.

**Scalia Law School Events:** Phillips sits on the Advisory Board of the National Security Institute at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School, an Institution frequently visited by sitting Justices.

**Supreme Court Rule 44.1:** Emphasize that the discovery of the depth of this Connection constitutes the "intervening circumstances" or "substantial grounds" Require for a rehearing.

**Judicial Ties to the D.C. Circuit:** Mr. Phillips has extensive professional roots Within the Washington D.C. legal and judicial community, including serving in High level roles within the

Department of Justice (Office of Legal Counsel) and The White House.

**Nature of the Conflict:** As the lead legal officer for GE Aerospace, Mr. Phillips is responsible for the company's global legal and compliance strategy. His intimate professional knowledge of the Supreme Court internal operations and his established relationships with current and former judicial personnel create a significant appearance of impropriety.

**Denial of Constitutional Rights:** The Plaintiff Michael J. House alleges that these professional ties coincide with a procedural environment that resulted in the summary denial of his Seventh Amendment right to a trial by jury. Despite the existence of genuine issues of material fact, the case was dismissed in the lower D.C. Courts, where Mr. Phillips holds substantial professional influence.

**Necessity of Transfer:** Given the concentration of the Defendant's legal leadership within the D.C. judicial circuit, the "interest of justice" under 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) requires that this case be returned to the Eastern District of New York, a neutral forum where the Plaintiff Mr. House may exercise his constitutional right to a jury trial without the shadow of localized professional conflicts.

**From The Words of the Late Great Dr. Martin Luther King:**

*Justice Too Long Delayed is Justice Denied*



**CONCLUSION**

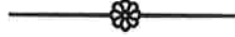
For the foregoing reasons, the Court should reconsider its prior decision and grant the petition for writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael House

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**RULE 44.2 CERTIFICATE**

I, MICHAEL HOUSE, petitioner pro se, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. This petition for rehearing is presented in good faith and not for delay.

2. The grounds of this petition are limited to intervening circumstances of a substantial or controlling effect or to other substantial grounds not previously presented.

/s/ Michael House  
Petitioner

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