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UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT
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Supreme Court, U.S.
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LEFRIDGE, JR., VERNON : CASE NO. _____
Petitioner,

v. : APPLICATION FOR STAY

GAINES, ANDREA, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
ANDREWS, JOAN, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
SAMALOT, STEVEN, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
JULIUS, RICHARD, in his individual, personal, and official capacities,)
ANDERSON, CAROLYN, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
WILLIAMS, CASSANDRA, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
SHAUGHNESSY, LEANNE, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
SAUNDERS, ALYSON, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
GAGE, DAVID, in his individual, personal, and official capacities,)
UNKNOWN EMPLOYEES, in his and/or her individual, personal, and official capacities,)
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,)
STATE OF CONNECTICUT, JUDICIAL BRANCH.)
Respondents.

**EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR STAY U.S. SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEAL ORDERS ISSUED AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

NOW COMES THE *PRO SE* IFP petitioner Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr. (hereinafter
"Petitioner") hereby files this emergency application for stay moving the U.S. Supreme
Court to stop all United States Second Circuit Court of Appeals orders and rulings
issued by USCA 2 including any pending mandate until after U.S. Supreme Court has
decided Petitioner Petition for Writ of Certiorari and corrected Petition until a final
deposition has been recorded. In support, of this application for stay, Petitioner
represents the following facts:

BACKGROUND

On February 17, 2026, Petitioner timely filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari in-person at
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corrected as requested by Clerk of Supreme Court. Petition filed on February 17, 2026 appealing procedural errors, mistakes, others reversible errors made by USCA 2 in case-in-point Leftridge v. Judicial Branch, et al under case numbers 23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255 is pending granting of review. After Petitioner filed his Petition for Writ of Certiorari with U.S. Supreme Court in-person on February 17, 2026 pending corrections to Petition for Writ of Certiorari the USCA 2 should of stop all proceedings until U.S. Supreme Court has had an opportunity to review corrected Petition as noticed to USCA 2 Clerks Office and its closure clerk's office team. Therefore Petitioner moves United States Supreme Court to issue an immediate order for stay while waiting for the U.S. Supreme Court to consider Petitioner Petition for Writ of Certiorari and pending corrected Petition and whatever additional orders to prevent any further rulings by USCA while Petitioner Petition for Writ of Certiorari is pending corrections before U.S. Supreme Court.

Petitioner timely filed Motion for Stay of mandate pending petition to the U.S. Supreme Court before February 17, 2026 that was initially rejected by the new USCA 2 Clerk Yenni Liu assigned. However, after Petitioner timely filed Petition for Writ of Certiorari on February 17, 2026, the new USCA 2 Clerk Yenni Liu assigned restored Petitioner Motion for Stay of Mandate and other rulings issued thereafter.

REASONS FOR GRANTING STAY

There is a very high likelihood that the U.S. Supreme Court will grant review to hear Petitioner case. Staying any and all further proceedings of any pending mandate by USCA 2 and all orders issued after February 17, 2026 will save all parties costs,

judicial economy and resources from having to supplement, amend and/or file new petitions under new rules of U.S. Supreme Court.

Petitioner will suffer loss of rights, loss of due process, irreparable harm if USCA 2 rulings and orders after February 17, 2026 issued after will take affect while Petitioner timely filed February 17, 2026 Petition for Writ of Certiorari corrections is pending.

Therefore the pending mandate should be stayed in the interest of the public of great importance and Petitioner. There is a strong likelihood that U.S. Supreme Court will reverse the lower court's decision upon final review. It is also strongly likely that the U.S. Supreme Court Justices will take Petitioner Case and hear arguments on the merits.

The balance of convenience does not favor the respondents, or the risk of harm to the Petitioner outweighs potential harm to the opposing parties if a stay is granted. A stay is necessary for this case to maintain legal precedence, prevent manifested injustice, protect Petitioner constitutional rights to due process and protect the current legal situations to prevent the appeal from becoming moot. The lower USCA 2 made clear errors by not allowing Petitioner to file any appeals brief with or without ordered transcripts which is in violation of Petitioner federal constitutional rights to due process.

USCA 2 new assigned case manager has acted in a way that suggests bias and procedural violations. In addition, Petitioner is a registered crime victim with respondent Connecticut Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services and has been denied his constitutional rights to due process to file his appeals brief with or without transcripts which is a clear reversible error which is of great public importance. Petitioner is also a victim of an organized manifested injustice where Petitioner, Petitioner children and grand children has suffered irreparable harm, retaliation, weaponization of public offices

and severe financial injuries because of the unconstitutional actions of the respondents and the interstate public employees and officers of the court they involved.

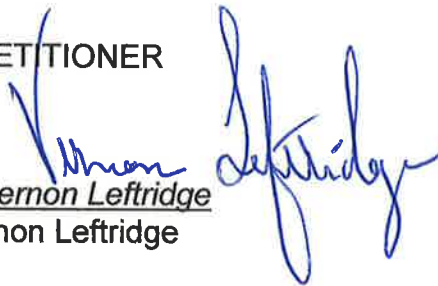
CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Petitioner VERNON JAMES LEFRIDGE, JR., respectfully requests his emergency application for stay be granted for all the forgoing reasons, and any other reasonable orders, and relief that this U.S. Supreme Court deems just and appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

THE PETITIONER

BY: /s/Vernon Leftridge
Vernon Leftridge



PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner seeks the following relief:

1. Petitioner Application for Stay is granted in the interest of justice.
- A. Such other relief in law or equity as this U.S. Supreme Court may deem appropriate, reasonable and proper.

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that he is the Petitioner in the above action, that he has read the above emergency application for stay pleading and that the information contained in the pleading is true and correct.

Executed at Washington, D.C. on March 27, 2026
(location) (date)

Respectfully Submitted,

THE PETITIONER

BY: /s/Vernon Leftridge
Vernon Leftridge

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the foregoing Petitioner Emergency Application for Stay filing was filed on March 27, 2026 with U.S. Supreme Court and mailed to all the opposing parties' attorneys of record to the following:

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27 March 2026

**APPENDIX OF COURT ORDERS AND RULINGS
ISSUED BY LOWER U.S. SECOND CIRCUIT COURT OF
APPEALS AFTER FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

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**General Docket
Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit**

Court of Appeals Docket #: 23-1029
Nature of Suit: 3442 CIVIL RIGHTS-Jobs
Leftridge v. Judicial Branch
Appeal From: CONNECTICUT (NEW HAVEN)
Fee Status: IFP Granted

Docketed: 07/14/2023
Termed: 08/15/2025

Case Type Information:

- 1) Civil
- 2) Private
- 3) -

Originating Court Information:

District: 0205-3 : [22-cv-411](#)

Trial Judge: Jeffrey A. Meyer, U.S. District Judge

Date Filed: 03/18/2022

Date Order/Judgment:
07/05/2023

Date Order/Judgment EOD:
07/05/2023

Date NOA Filed:
07/13/2023

Date Rec'd COA:
07/14/2023

- 01/13/2026 [260](#) MOTION ORDER, denying motion to stay mandate [\[256\]](#) filed by Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr. Appellant is hereby ORDERED to file a response within 30 days of the entry of this order addressing why a leave-to-file sanction should not be imposed, by MP, SALM, MAK, FILED. [3648943][260] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 01/13/2026 09:45 AM]
- 01/13/2026 262 MOTION, for ___relief, to stay mandate, for oral argument, to reconsider, for hearing en banc, on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr. in 23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255, FILED. Service date 01/13/2026 by CM/ECF. [3648953] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 01/13/2026 06:38 PM]
- 01/14/2026 [263](#) DEFECTIVE DOCUMENT, Motion for various relief, to stay mandate, for oral argument, to reconsider, for hearing en banc [262], on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr., FILED.[3648954] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 01/14/2026 08:52 AM]
- 01/15/2026 265 MOTION, for rehearing en banc, to stay mandate, for ___relief, for injunction, on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr. in 23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255, FILED. Service date 01/13/2026 by CM/ECF. [3648980] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 01/15/2026 09:11 AM]
- 01/15/2026 [266](#) DEFECTIVE DOCUMENT, Motion for rehearing en banc, to stay mandate, for injunction, [265], on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr., FILED.[3648981] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 01/15/2026 09:15 AM]
- 02/03/2026 [267](#) RESPONSE to order to show cause, on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr., FILED. Service date 02/03/2026 by CM/ECF.[3649174] [23-1029] [Entered: 02/03/2026 12:16 AM]
- 02/03/2026 [268](#) MOTION, to stay mandate, for ___relief, for rehearing en banc, on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr. in 23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255, FILED. Service date 01/13/2026 by CM/ECF. [3649175] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 02/03/2026 12:21 AM]
- 02/03/2026 270 CURED DEFECTIVE Motion [\[268\]](#), on behalf of Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr., FILED.[3649177] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 02/03/2026 08:54 AM]
- 02/27/2026 [279](#) ORDER, dated 02/27/2026, that the imposition of a leave-to-file sanction is appropriate, in light of Appellant's litigation history. Upon due consideration, because Appellant has failed to show cause why a leave-to-file sanction should not be imposed, it is hereby ORDERED that the Clerk of Court refuse to accept for filing from the Appellant any future appeal or other proceeding in this Court unless he first obtains leave of the Court to file such appeal or proceeding. It is further ORDERED that Appellant "must obtain leave of the Court to make any new filings in his existing [appeals], including those [appeals] filed prior to the issuance of [this] sanction order.", by MP, SALM, MAK, FILED.[3649450] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 02/27/2026 12:11 PM]
- 03/20/2026 [283](#) MOTION ORDER, denying motion for reconsideration/reconsideration en banc of the denial of motion to stay mandate [\[268\]](#) [\[268\]](#) [\[268\]](#) filed by Appellant Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr., FILED. [3649701][283] [23-1029, 23-1137, 23-1255] [Entered: 03/20/2026 02:13 PM]

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**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE
SECOND CIRCUIT**

At a Stated Term of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, held at the Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, in the City of New York, on the 13th day of January, two thousand twenty-six.

Before: Myrna Pérez,
Sarah A. L. Merriam,
Maria Araújo Kahn
Circuit Judges.

Vernon J. Leftridge, Jr.,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

v.

Judicial Branch, State of Connecticut, Joan Andrews, in her individual, personal, and official capacities, Cassandra Williams, in her individual, personal, and official capacities, Andrea Gaines, in her individual, personal, and official capacities, Connecticut Department of Social Services, Steven Samalot, in his individual, personal, and official capacities, Richard Julius, in his individual, personal, and official capacities, Carolyn Anderson, in her individual, personal, and official capacities, David Gage, in his individual, personal, and official capacities, Leanne Shaughnessy, in her individual, personal, and official capacities, Alyson Saunders, in her individual, personal, and official capacities,

Defendants - Appellees,

Jane Doe, John Doe, Unknown Employees, in his and/or her individual, personal, and official capacities,

Defendants.

ORDER

Docket No. 23-1029(L),
23-1137(Con),
23-1255(Con)

Appellant, pro se, moves to stay the issuance of the mandate.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motion is DENIED.

Appellant is hereby ORDERED to file a response within 30 days of the entry of this order addressing why a leave-to-file sanction should not be imposed.¹

For the Court:

Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe,
Clerk of Court

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Catherine O'Hagan Wolfe". The signature is written over a circular official seal. The seal contains the text "UNITED STATES" at the top, "SECOND CIRCUIT" in the center, and "COURT OF APPEALS" at the bottom. There are small stars on either side of the central text.

¹ This Court's procedure for imposing leave-to-file sanctions involves three stages: (1) the Court notifies the litigant that the filing of future frivolous appeals, motions, or other papers could result in sanctions, *see Sassower v. Sansverie*, 885 F.2d 9, 11 (2d Cir. 1989); (2) if the litigant continues to file frivolous appeals, motions or other papers, the Court orders the litigant to show cause why a leave-to-file sanction order should not issue, *see In re Martin-Trigona*, 9 F.3d 226, 229 (2d Cir. 1993); and (3) if the litigant fails to show why sanctions are not appropriate, the Court issues a sanctions order, *see Gallop v. Cheney*, 667 F.3d 226, 227 (2d Cir. 2012) (per curiam).

By order dated August 15, 2025, this Court, after recounting the prior warnings given to Appellant, again warned that the continued filing of duplicative, vexatious, or clearly meritless appeals, proceedings, motions, or other papers could result in a leave-to-file sanction.