

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

FAIZ SIDDIQUI,

Applicant,

v.

ERUM MAJID RANDHAWA,

Respondent

**Application for Extension of Time Within
Which to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to the Connecticut Appellate Court**

**APPLICATION TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICE
SONIA SOTOMAYOR, AS CIRCUIT JUSTICE**

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to this Court's Rule 13.5, Applicant Faiz Siddiqui respectfully requests a sixty (60) day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to the Connecticut Appellate Court, to and including July 10, 2026.

JUDGMENT FOR WHICH REVIEW IS SOUGHT

The judgment for which review is sought is the judgment of the Connecticut Appellate Court, *Faiz Siddiqui v. Erum Majid Randhawa*, AC 47180 (June 3, 2025) (see Attachment 1).

JURISDICTION

The Court will have jurisdiction over any timely petition under 28 U.S.C. § 1257. The Connecticut Supreme Court denied reconsideration of the Applicant's petition for certification on February 10, 2026. In accordance with Rule 13.5, this application is being filed more than ten (10) days before the current due date of May 11, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Applicant is a graduate of the University of Oxford and a qualified lawyer from a leading white shoe law firm with a lifelong history of honorable and decent conduct. The Respondent is a family friend and regular visitor of the Applicant's Aunt and Uncle in Connecticut for over 40 years. The Respondent first met the Applicant in the summer of 2006 when the Applicant was vacationing at his Aunt and Uncle's home in Connecticut. The Respondent aggressively pursued a romantic relationship with the Applicant, going out late at night to Connecticut

Martini bars with him and visiting him late at night at his Aunt's house. However, when the Applicant returned to London after the summer of 2006, the Respondent began a campaign of scurrilous defamation against the Applicant to his Connecticut based family and numerous others which ultimately culminated in a false police complaint about the Applicant in 2015.

Nearly a decade later and because of the Respondent's false and malicious lies to police about the Applicant in 2015, an arrest warrant for the Applicant in Connecticut in May 2015 based on a single voicemail without any voicemail left made by the Applicant to the Respondent on February 25, 2015. This was despite the Applicant having previously had little or no contact with the Respondent for nearly a decade. This warrant has unfairly precluded the Applicant's return to the U.S. to complete his graduate school education at the Kellogg School of Management where he was studying in 2015.

The Applicant initiated this action by writ, summons and complaint made returnable on January 3, 2017. The Applicant alleged defamation, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and negligent infliction of emotional distress. The matter was litigated and delayed significantly during the Covid-19 Pandemic. The case was tried to the Court on March 28 and March 29, 2023 and a final judgment was entered in favor of the Defendant on November 2, 2023. An appeal to the Connecticut Appellate Court was timely filed on December 11, 2023. The Defendant moved to dismiss the Connecticut Appellate Court appeal, which motion was denied.

The appeal was dismissed by the Appellate Court on June 3, 2025 after full argument (see Attachment 1). The Applicant filed a timely Motion for

reconsideration of the Connecticut Appellate Court's decision which was denied on July 15, 2025 (see Attachment 2). The Applicant then filed a timely Motion for reconsideration en banc of this decision which was denied on July 30, 2025 (see Attachment 3).

The Applicant then filed a timely petition for certification to the Connecticut Supreme Court which was denied on December 23, 2025 (see Attachment 4). The Appellant then filed a timely Motion for reconsideration of the denial of the petition for certification to the Connecticut Supreme Court. The Connecticut Supreme Court issued its order denying the Appellant's Motion for reconsideration for the denial of his Petition for Certification to the Connecticut Supreme Court on February 10, 2026 (see Attachment 5).

The Applicant is now looking to file a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court for it to grant a writ of certiorari to review the June 3, 2025 decision of the Connecticut Appellate Court. In accordance with Rule 13.5, this application for an extension of time to file a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to grant a writ of certiorari is being filed more than ten (10) days before the current due date of May 11, 2026.

REASONS JUSTIFYING AN EXTENSION OF TIME

This case presents an important constitutional question concerning whether a litigant suffering from serious medical conditions based on objective and uncontested medical evidence/tests which unequivocally confirm a grave risk to life in the event of international air travel and thus preclude international air travel may nonetheless be considered "available" for trial without violating his rights to due process and his rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act of

1990. This question has consistently split the lower circuit courts and therefore requires urgent review by this Court.

Below, both the Connecticut Appellate Court and Connecticut Supreme Court held that the Applicant should have been required to travel notwithstanding the fact that the Respondent was not able to produce any medical evidence to rebut the Applicant's objective and uncontested medical evidence demonstrating a clear risk to his life for air travel from London to Connecticut for his claimed jury trial. The Applicant now proposes to pursue this matter through a petition to the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to the Connecticut Appellate Court. The Plaintiff is seeking an additional sixty (60) days to file his petition with the U.S. Supreme Court, which is presently due on May 11, 2026, for the following cogent reasons which meet the "good cause" criterion under Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

First, the undersigned has, over recent months, had and continues to have an extremely full schedule of professional commitments. For the past six (6) months, Counsel has been scheduled for multiple trials and trial-related court proceedings, including imminent matters set for trial and evidentiary hearings within the coming days. For example, the undersigned presently has an expedited United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit appeal in *Balali v. U.S. Department of State*, Docket No. 26-676 (2nd Cir) with a briefing schedule due on May 22, 2026. is currently handling multiple state court appeals in the Connecticut Appellate Court. For example, the undersigned presently has a Connecticut Appellate Court brief due on April 27, 2026 in *Town of North Branford v. Floridiana, LLC*, Docket No. AC 49434. The undersigned is also heavily engaged in the appeal in *Donald T. Netter v Cohen and Wolf, PC*, Docket No. AC 47907.

The undersigned also has further commitments in *Kristen Kuselias v. Zingaro & Cretella LLC. et Al.* Docket No. AC 49487 as well as *Philip Ludwig v. BBB Attorneys LLC et Al.*, Docket No. AC 48513. The Court will also respectfully note that the undersigned is a sole practitioner. These appellate commitments materially reduce the limited time available to evaluate the Connecticut Supreme Court's decision, consult with the client, and prepare a comprehensive petition for a writ of certiorari, including identifying and explaining the relevant circuit splits in this matter, and therefore support a finding of good cause for the requested extension.

Second, the requested additional time is necessary because the legal issues at the heart of this matter are novel and complex constitutional issues that require extensive legal research to properly frame and present to the Supreme Court of the United States in light of the Connecticut Supreme Court's denial of the Motion for reconsideration of the denial of the petition for certification on February 10, 2026. The decision in *A. J. T. v. Osseo Area Schools*, 605 U.S. 335 (2025) and other relevant precedents will need to be extensively researched and properly contextualized and explained as they apply to the issues presented in this case and are likely to result in a grant, vacate and remand order being made by this Court. Furthermore, the relevant and significant circuit splits raised by the legal issues in this case will need to be identified and properly explained to the Court.

Third, in light of the importance and seriousness of this case to the Applicant and the unfortunate procedural posture reached, the Applicant is also seeking new and specialized legal representation to assist the undersigned in the preparation of the petition to the U.S. Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to the

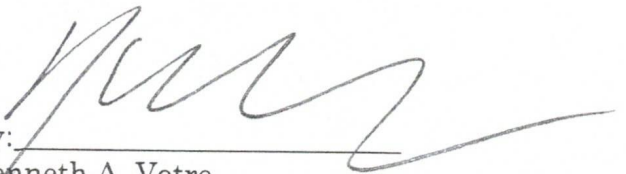
Connecticut Appellate Court. At a minimum, a 60-day extension of time is necessary to allow new counsel to become familiar with the record and meaningfully assist in the preparation of the petition.

Fourth, the Applicant suffers from numerous, serious and long-term disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (the Connecticut Appellate Court has previously assessed the Applicant to be a “qualified individual” in this respect) such that it takes much longer than would ordinarily be the case for counsel to meaningfully consult with the Applicant. These medical conditions have been aggravated by recent and traumatic events in Applicant’s life. As such, the Applicant’s treating Doctor opines that a sixty (60) day extension would constitute a necessary and appropriate reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (see Attachment 6).

CONCLUSION

For these cogent reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including July 9, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTACHMENT 1

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
APPELLATE COURT

Date: Hartford, June 3, 2025

To the Chief Clerk of the Appellate Court.
The Appellate Court has decided the following case:

FAIZ SIDDIQUI

v.

Opinion Per Curiam.

ERUM MAJID RANDHAWA

Docket No. AC 47180
Trial Court Docket No. HHDCV176073898S

The judgment is affirmed.


Chief Judge

Rescript

ATTACHMENT 2

Order On Motion for Reconsideration AC 252027

Docket Number: AC47180
Issue Date: 7/15/2025
Sent By: Supreme/Appellate

Order On Motion for Reconsideration AC 252027

AC47180 FAIZ SIDDIQUI v. ERUM MAJID RANDHAWA

Notice Issued: 7/15/2025 9:52:52 AM

Notice Content:

Motion Filed: 7/7/2025
Motion Filed By: Faiz Siddiqui

Order Date: 07/15/2025

Order: Denied

By the Court
Notice sent to Counsel of Record

Hon. Stuart D Rosen

Clerk, Superior Court, HHDCV176073898S

ATTACHMENT 3

Order On Motion for Reconsideration En Banc AC 252016

Docket Number: AC47180
Issue Date: 7/23/2025
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Order On Motion for Reconsideration En Banc AC 252016

AC47180 FAIZ SIDDIQUI v. ERUM MAJID RANDHAWA

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Notice Content:

Motion Filed: 7/3/2025
Motion Filed By: Faiz Siddiqui

Order Date: 07/23/2025

Order: Denied

Moll, J., did not participate in the consideration of or decision on this motion.

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ATTACHMENT 4

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

PSC-250235

FAIZ SIDDIQUI

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ORDER ON PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION TO APPEAL

The plaintiff petition for certification to appeal from the Appellate Court, 232 Conn. App. 905 (AC 47180), is denied.

Kenneth A. Votre, in support of the petition.

Richard P. Weinstein, in opposition.

Decided December 23, 2025

By the Court,

/s/

Peter D. Keane

Assistant Clerk - Appellate

Notice Sent: December 23, 2025
Petition Filed: December 1, 2025
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ATTACHMENT 5

Order On Pre Appeal Motion for Reconsideration En Banc SC250232

Docket Number: HHDCV176073898S

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Order On Pre Appeal Motion for Reconsideration En Banc SC250232

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Motion Filed: 1/30/2026

Motion Filed By: Faiz Siddiqui

Order Date: 02/10/2026

Order: Other

Reconsideration is granted but the relief requested is denied.

By the Court

Notice sent to Counsel of Record

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Clerk, Superior Court, HHDCV176073898S

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

No. 25A__

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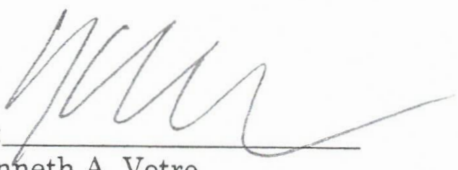
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Respondent.

I, Kenneth A. Votre, certify that, on this 25th day of April, 2026, I caused one copy and an electronic copy of the Application for an Extension of Time Within Which to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this case to be served by U.S. mail, first class postage paid and by electronic mail on the following:

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