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PATRICIA M. CORNELL, PRO SE

Appellant-Applicant,

v.

ANN CORNELL, Respondent.

APPLICATION TO THE HON. ELENA KAGAN  
FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF  
CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

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Dear Justice Kagan, I have an EMERGENCY. It is Life-threatening to me. My name is Patricia M. Cornell. I am now sixty-four years old. I'm a Senior. I am still homeless because of this court case. My matter is very time sensitive. I'm Pro Se. Most importantly, I am very honest. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13(5): For good cause, a Justice may extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari for sixty days. The California Supreme Court denied my petition for review on February 11'2026. I, Patricia M. Cornell- Appellant-Applicant, hereby move for an Extension of Time for sixty days, to and including July 13'2026, note the 60 days which it is actually due is July 11'2026, but that is a Saturday, which is why the 60 days will be due Monday July 13'2026. According to Rule 30 #2, ... an application or motion seeking an extension shall be filed within the period sought to be extended. An application to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari ... must be filed at least 10 days before the specified final filing date...if filed less than 10 days before the final filing date, such application will not be granted except in the most extraordinary circumstances. Since the California Supreme Court denied my petition for review February 11'2026, the 10 days that the extension of time request is due, is May 2'2026, but that is a Saturday, so the 10 days is due May 4'2026. I have sent this on time, but I do have extraordinary circumstances, in case. I was hoping not to say this, but I think I am dying. It feels like it and it may be, because my health conditions are serious. It has to do with my Asthma and a Cardiology matter, and I think I may have Breast Cancer. More on that later. My health and other legal reasons are why I need the 60 day extension to file certiorari. More on this in the following.

Rule 30 says: Computation and Extension of Time. In the computation of any period of time prescribed or allowed by these Rules, by order of the Court, or by an applicable statute, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated

period begins to run is not included. The last day of the period shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday, federal legal holiday listed in 5 U.S.C. Section 6103, or day on which the Court building is closed by order of the Court or the Chief Justice, in which event the period shall extend until the end of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, federal legal holiday, or day on which the Court building is closed. Unless an extension is granted, the deadline for filing the Writ of Certiorari will be May 12'2026. I have not been able to write one page for certiorari due to my health conditions and legal obstacles. I, as applicant, have included a copy of the letter from the California Supreme Court saying Appellant's Petition for Review is denied. See Exhibit A. The date of that letter is February 11'2026. Hence why I have the above dates for my Extension of Time request. In support of this request, applicant states as follows: This court has jurisdiction to hear my case because the California Supreme Court denied my Petition for Review. The California Supreme Court denied Appellant's Petition for Review, dated February 11'2026- Exhibit A. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. Section 1257(a). The judgement to be reviewed is that the California Supreme Court denied my Petition for Review. Justice Kagan, first, after five years of this case, my health is suffering, this case has taken its toll on my health. It has been so unhealthy for me. I have health conditions that are Life- threatening. Especially because of the dishonest people involved. I am so exhausted I can barely write. I can barely do many things. My eyes are so tired I can barely see. I need you to know that this case should never have been brought to court. The case was brought to court because certain dishonest, greedy, selfish people who didn't want to honor what my mother wrote in her Will and Trust. Instead, my sister the Trustee-who is Ann Cornell, and the lawyer who drafted my mother's final Trust-Cynthia Trutner of Bancroft and McAllister,

and the Trustee's litigation lawyers: Robert Epstein-who is also the City Attorney for San Rafael-in Marin County-California, his Associates: Julia Butler and Alex Johnson, were very creative in the unlawful taking of my mother's home-her Property, and the money from the Trust. For reference, my mother and I have the same name-Patricia Cornell. I am Patricia M. Cornell; my mom is Patricia A. Cornell. My mom goes by Pat. I go by Tish. My mother died March 6'2020. My sister the Trustee is Ann Cornell. At times Ann may go by her married name: Ann Cornell Forthofer. My sister Kathleen Cornell goes by Casey. The lawyer who drafted my mom's final Trust is Cynthia Trutner. The trustee's litigation lawyers are Julia Butler, Robert Epstein, and Alex Johnson.

In her Trust, my mother the Settlor, wrote a mandatory commandment with the use of the word: "Shall" of a Life Estate for me-Patricia Cornell, and Kathleen, and Ann-trustee. A part of the Trust for reference: Page 4, Article IV, Section C. "San Rafael Property. All of Settlor's interest in the real property commonly known as 6 Madrona Street, San Rafael, California ("the Property"), and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) shall be held in a trust for the benefit of Settlor's daughters: Patricia; Ann; and, Kathleen. The trustee shall allow any of the beneficiaries named in this Section C to reside in the property. ....If no beneficiary chooses to live in the property,"..... it then says what the trustee may do. It says the trustee could rent or sell the Property. The last sentence where the trustee could sell the house is poorly drafted. But that did not take our rights away from a Life Estate and a Right to Occupy, and a Right of Possession. However, that poor drafting was used by the trustee and her lawyers to deliberately misuse a few of the sentences in that provision regarding the Settlor's property. This for their personal gain. Now you know that the case is about my mom's Trust. The motive-the reason behind the crime, and tragedy, and which involves at least one Federal

crime, the motive being Greed-for the love of money, and want of Property not belonging to them, because of this greed, there are crimes that came about in this case. Along with numerous Violations of Constitutional Due Process committed against me by the Superior Court. My sister the Trustee filed a Petition to get permission to sell my home, my Life Estate Property from my mom's Trust, she filed this in the Marin County Superior Court December 29'2020. I objected to the sale of my home because it is the only shelter I could ever afford, and without my home, I am sure I would die homeless. I was living in the home before my mom died, and am living in my mom's home after my mother died, and I put it in writing to the Trustee and Ms. Trutner that I'm living in the house for life. In June of 2020, the trustee did an "Illegal lock-out" on me and Kathleen, illegally locking us out of our mom's house, the very house our mom left us for our shelter. Kathleen does have a low-income apartment that she had before mom died. She is on Disability. Ann owns her own home in Alaska. Because my sister Ann the Trustee illegally locked me out of my own home, I have been living in my car for over five years now. I have Asthma and COPD-Chronic Bronchitis. I am seeing a Cardiologist now, but I won't say why because I need to keep that private for now. I am Disabled. I have a back injury from when I was a Nurse's Aide in a Convalescent Hospital. My mother's house, her Property, has been abandoned by the Trustee since June 2020. I do take care of the entire outside Property myself, the garden, the pool, and outdoor home improvements one does to keep your house up. My mother's ashes are buried by the roses. Another reason I need the sixty-day extension of time is because I am a High-Risk Breast Cancer patient. I did not have time to attach the newest Doctor's letters on this. I have recently found two more Suspicious Breast Abnormalities. And a suspicious lump in my arm. I have still not been able to have the Biopsies and Surgery from the last time I needed the Biopsies and Surgeries for the Breast lumps. These tests still need to be done.

This dangerous delay is what happens when you have some incompetent medical people and people who don't care, and more legal obstacles being thrown at me. This is a Life- threatening Emergency to get these Biopsies/Surgery done. I don't have insurance. I also need a test done to see if I have lung cancer. It is in the family. A Breast Cancer may be spreading. When I get the Biopsies/Surgery, and if I need an Emergency Mastectomy, I will let you know. My grandmother on my mom's side had Breast Cancer when she was 58. She had a Mastectomy and lived to 103 working in her garden in her home. Another reason is it appears that I have two partially collapsed lungs at the bottom of my lungs. This has not been attended to like I want because I can't find a Doctor who will help me and do things properly. Sorry, but another reason is that I am months, if not a year or two behind in getting one or more teeth extracted, especially the one where it is touching the nerve. This tooth is very painful. I must put cold compresses on it. The truth is I had an appt. to have it extracted, but once again, this case got in the way. I had to cancel the appt. due to legal deadlines. I hope to get the tooth extracted as soon as I can. To this day I still have not been able to take care of my teeth. I still have not been able to find a Pro Bono lawyer to help me. I have learned that for many serious reasons, even lawyers need months to write legal documents. But I'm not a lawyer, I don't have a paralegal, and it takes me many more months to try and figure out how to write my legal documents. To try and learn the laws. Legal Aid and the State Bar have not been much help in getting me Pro Bono lawyers. I can't afford lawyers. I wish I had a lawyer because I want so much to stop certain people from trampling on my mother's rights. The rights she has in her Will and Trust. I pray I could have a lawyer who would stop certain people from continuing railroading me. I need this extension of time due to my health challenges, and since my case has Four Volumes of Records, Seven Transcripts, several Trial Exhibits, these totaling thousands of pages. And that's

just for the Superior Court underlying case. Remember that when your car is your main shelter, it is very hard to keep over 20 boxes of legal documents where you can find them. And then there is my Appellate Brief, Respondents Brief, my Reply Brief, all of that, and then the California Supreme Court Petition for Review. And surprise, there is my Legal Malpractice lawsuit I filed against Ms. Trutner for Legal Malpractice for causes of actions including but not limited to: Colluding with the Trustee regarding Misappropriation of Trust Funds. And then there is my Petition to Remove the Trustee. And after the California Supreme Court denied my Petition for Review, the one dated July 16'2025, contrary to the Statute requirements, opposing counsel wrote me a threatening letter, full of lies, telling me to immediately remove my Lis Pendens from my home. They then filed a Motion to Expunge the Lis Pendens. Which is still going on. The law requires that a Lis Pendens remain until ALL litigation is done. This includes my Writ of Certiorari. I do not count on the Judge abiding by the law of Lis Pendens because at the trial, the trustee's lawyers showed they have a relationship of sorts with the Judge, and they got whatever they asked for, contrary to what the laws said. And contrary to Statute and Supreme Court mandate, the Judge lifted my Stay in my Legal Malpractice case, and I will now have to appeal that. This because a Stay is required in this case until the Writ of Certiorari is decided, this because I can't know my damages until then. Because of all the above, I have not had one day to work on my Writ of Certiorari. Not one day. When I learned about Pastor Paul, I asked him if he could help me. He can only do so much. One of the issues, the "Questions" of Law, that I will write about in my Writ of Certiorari is about the Trial Judge's multiple Violations of Constitutional Due Process committed against me. One of many Violations of Constitutional Due Process committed against me was when the day before the Trial started, I had filed a Verified Statement/Motion to Disqualify the Trial Judge, under CCP 170.1 and CCP 170.3. The Trial Judge

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Violated Procedure that is required under CCP 170.1 and 170.3 and literally held the Trial illegally. Another Violation of Constitutional Due Process committed against me was when during the Trial, the Trial Judge denied my Constitutional Due Process Right to finish Impeaching and questioning the drafting lawyer Ms. Trutner, about the Evidence of written communications between Ms. Trutner and I. There are too many Violations of Constitutional Due Process committed against me by the Trial Judge to mention here. Ashley Cornell is my niece. My mother's granddaughter. Ashley's mother is Kathleen, who is a Beneficiary. Ashley is a Beneficiary. Ashley wanted a career. The fighting and negativity that went on between certain people, thanks to this case, gets to Ashley. So, Ashley went out looking for a temporary escape, someone gave Ashley some Fentanyl and it killed Ashley. Ashley died at age 33, on May 1'2023. This May 1'2026 is Ashley's 3 year death anniversary. These dishonest, greedy, selfish people. My mother loved Ashley. Imagine how heartbroken my mother would be knowing that in part, because of dishonest, greedy people, and this case, that her granddaughter is dead. And her daughter Tish is living in her car. What little money my mother had in her Trust is gone, stolen by these dishonest people I speak about. Truly, imagine what my mother would do if she knew her cute little Ashley is dead. And imagine what my mother would do knowing I have these health challenges. And having to live in my car. Knowing my mother gave me her home so I would have a shelter for life. So I wouldn't have to live in my car or the streets.

I think that my health challenges may have shortened my life by many years. I desperately need my mother's home for my shelter. There is room for a live-in caregiver if ever I should need one. So I don't end up in a nursing home to die. I do work but I truly can't afford a lawyer. My sister Ann, the Trustee, has Brain and Spine Cancer. The brain cancer has returned. This is not so good. I told her she

could have some of my stem cells. But she has not asked me for them since we talked. Ann is now 61. She lives in her own home in Alaska. We rarely talk. And after that talk, her lawyers pulled another dirty stunt, more on that another day. I just want to say that I am disabled and that means it takes me longer to get things done. Another reason I need an extension of time. And because of all the above, I have been cheated out of the time I need to write a better request for an extension of time. Again. But this will do. I, Patricia Cornell-Appellant-Applicant, do qualify for this court to hear my case because I have multiple Constitutional issues, Constitutional Due Process issues, Federal issues, differing opinions between courts, etc. One of the cases I will be talking about in my Writ of Certiorari is The Estate of Duke. In that case there is two differing opinions from two different Courts of Appeal.

And now for the main reason that started this request. I was praying that I would never have to do another Certiorari. And this one probably won't be the last. I wish I could just be free. To live what is left of my life. In my mother's home. My broken heart will kill me. This is what I feel. And this case is causing my health to fail. It really does feel like I am dying. This was not supposed to happen. The dishonest people made it happen.

Once again, the trustee and her lawyers and the Superior Court Judge, Judge Chou this time, and the Appellate Court, have Violated some very serious laws. Some are: 1. Recently, the Trustee and her lawyers filed a motion in Superior Court and asked the Judge to order me to remove my Lis Pendens on my Property. They also asked the Judge to order that I pay their attorney's fees out of my share of the sale of the Property, without even saying what the amount of the attorney's fees are. And knowing I don't agree to sell my home which is my Life Estate, my mom's Property held in the Trust. The law states I don't have to remove my Lis pendens

until all appeals are over, which includes Certiorari. I wrote in Response and cited the laws and Codes of Civil Procedure that state that I don't have to remove my lis pendens until certiorari is over, until all the certioraris that I file are over. I wrote I won't remove my lis pendens until all certioraris are over. Then the Judge denied my Constitutional Right of Due Process to have a trial and present evidence and witnesses on the matter. The Judge ordered my Lis Pendens to be removed and ordered that I have to pay their attorney's fees out of my share of the sale of the house and the Judge ordered that without even knowing what the attorney's fees are, and that is illegal. And I will never agree to selling my home. In my case the Codes do not allow that I have to pay their attorney's fees.

More than one attorney verified to me that the laws state that if the trustee sells my home, the property, without the authority to do so, if I win on appeal, or Certiorari, the property by law has to be returned to me. Then the new owners will file lawsuits. 2. The appeals court said I filed untimely and denied me, but that is not true, I filed on time and presented evidence that I did file on time. The appeals court violated the law by neglecting to even comment in their Order anything about Judge Chou illegally ordering me to pay the trustee's attorney's fees. I have been denied many of my Constitutional Due Process Rights here. 3. The trustee's litigation lawyers Mr. Epstein and Mr. Johnson deliberately violated laws by going to the Records office and removing my lis pendens when they are not allowed to because certiorari is not over. Mr. Epstein and Alex Johnson didn't even wait for the California Supreme Court to decide on my petition for review. Then they violated laws by putting my property up for sale without waiting for certiorari to be over and they also have to wait until my petition to remove the trustee is over before putting the house up for sale and that is the law.

Considering the above, please grant my Extension of time for sixty days to write my Writ of Certiorari. Thank you.

I, Patricia Cornell, declare under penalty of perjury the above to be true.

Date: April 29'2026

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SUPERIOR COURT OF MARIN COUNTY, Respondent;

ANN CORNELL, Real Party in Interest.

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The petition for review is denied.

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**GUERRERO**  
*Chief Justice*

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

In Re the: Patricia Cornell Trust Dated November 16, 1993, as Amended and Restated.  
Marin County Superior Court Case No. PR2003455

I, B. Johnson, declare as follows:

I am employed in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, California; I am over the age of 18 years, and not a party to the within action; my address is \_\_\_\_\_

On April 29, 2016, I served a copy of the following document on the party or parties listed below:  
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