

APPLICATION No. _____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
UNITED STATES

JOSEF M. LAMELL, *Petitioner*

v.

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE
FOR CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED TRUST 2007-3, AND
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION, *Respondents*.

*Application for Extension of Time to File Petition
for Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court
of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit*

To the Honorable Samuel A. Alito Jr., Associate Justice of the Supreme
Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit:

Josef M. Lamell, *pro se*
Petitioner

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of the Rules of this Court and 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c), Petitioner Josef M. Lamell (“Lamell”) respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, to and including September 21, 2026, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

The Fifth Circuit entered judgment on March 16, 2026. Petitioner timely pursued rehearing proceedings, which concluded on April 23, 2026 with the issuance of its order denying rehearing (*see Ex. A, infra*). Under Rule 13.3 of the Rules of this Court allowing for 90 days to prepare a petition for writ of certiorari, his petition would ordinarily be due on July 22, 2026. The 60-day extension requested would thus extend that due date to September 20, 2026. However, because September 20, 2026 falls on a Sunday, the effective due date would then be Monday, September 21, 2026.

Petitioner’s upcoming petition will present substantial questions concerning the interaction between federal adjudicative standards and Texas law governing real-property rights, contractual enforcement authority, and limitations-driven extinguishment consequences. Additional time is necessary for petitioner, proceeding pro se under Rule 33.2, to prepare an appropriate petition.

While this matter commenced as a tax appraisal dispute several years ago, the proceedings since have evolved to address more complex issues of loan servicing, enforcement, and statutory limitations in state and federal courts. Along the way, a voluminous and complicated record has been generated which further impedes the timely filing of petitioner's petition.

Petitioner's difficulties in timely filing his upcoming petition arise mainly from the following circumstances:

1. petitioner is proceeding pro se and under Rule 33.2;
2. the proceedings leading up to the issuance of final judgment in the lower court and the extensive post-judgment rehearing proceedings afterward complicate his further efforts in this Court;
3. the petition presents substantial and evolving questions concerning federal/state-law interaction that require extensive further research;
4. in that petitioner's access to public legal resources is more limited than what is available to attorneys with access to subscription-based legal research services, his ability to adequately prepare a proper petition on a timely basis is further constrained;

5. while petitioner has gained some experience in state and lower federal courts, he is unaccustomed to and not familiar with filings in this Supreme Court and thus requires additional time to prepare an appropriate petition under Rule 33.2.

Wherefore, Petitioner Josef M. Lamell respectfully requests that an Order be entered extending time to petition for writ of certiorari before this Court an additional 60 days to and including Monday, September 21, 2026.

Date: May 26, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Josef M. Lamell

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