

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

JULIEN P. CHAMPAGNE,

Applicant,

v.

DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Respondent.

On Application for Extension of Time

**APPLICATION FOR A FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED
STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT**

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To the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicant Julien P. Champagne respectfully requests that the time to file his Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter be further extended an additional 14 days, to and including October 16, 2025.

In support of this request, Applicant states as follows:

1. The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued its opinion and entered judgment on December 6, 2024. The Court of Appeals denied Mr. Champagne's timely petition for rehearing on June 3, 2025. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

2. On August 1, 2025, Applicant filed a first application for a 30-day extension of time within which to file a petition for writ of certiorari. Chief Justice Roberts granted that application on August 6, 2025.

3. Absent an extension, a petition for writ of certiorari would be due on October 2, 2025. The application is being filed 10 days in advance of that date.

4. As explained in the prior application, this case concerns the interpretation of a critical regulation governing veterans' benefits.

5. A modest 14-day extension of the present deadline is needed for counsel from Goodwin Procter LLP and Allen Overy Shearman Sterling US, LLP, who were retained pro bono after issuance of the Federal Circuit panel decision, sufficient time to fully prepare the petition for filing.

6. Since the filing of Applicant's first request for extension, counsel have encountered unexpected demands in other matters that have diverted time from preparing the petition. In particular, counsel have been engaged with assisting in preparation for a September 15 oral argument in the Ninth Circuit; response briefs filed in the Northern District of New York on September 19; a preliminary injunction hearing in the Northern District of Illinois on September 22; supplemental motion-to-dismiss briefing due in the District of New Jersey on October 1; an amicus brief due in the Middle District of Pennsylvania on October 3; an amicus brief due in the District of Utah on October 10; and out-of-state business-related travel September 8-9, 15-17, 19-20, and October 8-10.

7. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari, to and including October 16, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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