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IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

MARY E. HILL,

Applicant,

v.

MALCOLM S. SPRATLEY, SR.,

Respondents.

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF
CERTIORARI**

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To the Honorable Chief Justice, John G. Roberts, Jr., Court
Justice for the United States Supreme Court:

Under this Court's Rules 13.5 and 22, Applicant, Mary E. Hill, appearing Pro Se, respectfully requests an extension of sixty (60) days to seek new counsel to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. The petition will seek review of the decision of the Virginia Supreme Court in Mary E. Hill v. Malcolm S. Spratley, Sr., No. 240624, Court of Appeals No. 0563-23-1, a copy of which is attached to this application. In support of this application, Applicant states the following:

1. On or about November 8, 2023, Sherman C. Smith, counsel, requested the Applicant to submit to his attention records and documents on referenced case.

2. On or about November 8, 2023, Applicant submitted records and documents to counsel.

3. On or about March 14, 2025, Sherman C. Smith, Attorney at Law of Sherman C. Smith, Attorney at Law, was engaged to provide representation in this matter.

4. On April 2, 2025, counsel presented an Oral Argument before the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

5. On April 18, 2025, the Supreme Court of Virginia refuses the petition for appeal.

6. On or about May 1, 2025, counsel advised Applicant that counsel will file writ of certiorari for Applicant cases and requested Applicant to submit payment in the amount of \$300.00 for filing fee.

7. On or about June 9, 2025, Applicant paid counsel \$300.00.

8. On July 9, 2025, Applicant received from the U. S. Postal service an incomplete file of cases from counsel with a cover letter dated July 3, 2025, that counsel will not be submitting a writ of certiorari for Applicant cases. See attached copy of letter.

9. As a direct result of the breach of trust, it is not possible to continue with the former attorney's representation. Therefore, it is essential to obtain new counsel to ensure proper representation in this case.

10. Due to unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances involving a breakdown of trust with Sherman C. Smith, the attorney-client relationship has become irreparable. Rule 1.3: Diligence. Rule 1.4: Communications. Rule 3.2: Expediting Litigation. Picking v.

Pennsylvania R. Co., 151 F.2d 240 (3d Cir.1945).


11. In addition, counsel was aware that Applicant is a disabled Veteran, currently under doctors care for ongoing pain therapy and suffers from PTSD challenges.

12. Additional time is needed to find a suitable new attorney who can adequately represent interests in this complex matter.

13. Without an extension, the petition for a writ of certiorari will be due on July 18, 2025. With the requested extension of sixty days (60) days, the petition would be due on September 8, 2025. This will allow the new counsel sufficient time to become acquainted with the case and prepare to represent the interests.

WHEREFORE, Mary E. Hill respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an order granting an extension of time until September 8, 2025, to secure new counsel in this matter, and for such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on July 10, 2025, a copy of this Application was mailed to H. Woodrow Crook, Post Office Box 308, 229 Main Street, Smithfield, Virginia 23431-0308.



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I certify that the foregoing is true and correct this 10th day of July 2025.



Mary E. Hill
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VIRGINIA:

*In the Supreme Court of Virginia held at the Supreme Court Building in the
City of Richmond on Friday the 18th day of April, 2025.*

MARY E. HILL,

APPELLANT,

against

Record No. 240624

Court of Appeals No. 0563-23-1

MALCOLM S. SPRATLEY, SR.,

APPELLEE.

FROM THE COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Upon review of the record in this case and consideration of the argument submitted in support of the granting of an appeal, the Court is of the opinion there is no reversible error in the judgment complained of. Accordingly, the Court refuses the petition for appeal.

A Copy,

Teste:

Muriel-Theresa Pitney, Clerk

By:

Ervin Pajala

Deputy Clerk

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VIA PRIORITY MAIL

July 3, 2025

Ms. Mary E. Hill
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RE: Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court

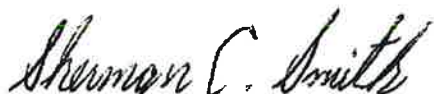
Dear Ms. Hill:

Under the Supreme Court Rules, the method for seeking review is by filing a writ of certiorari. Certiorari will only be granted for compelling reasons. None of the compelling reasons stated in the Supreme Court Rules include the questions covered in your cases before the Virginia appellate courts. Accordingly, I will not be submitting a writ of certiorari for your cases.

You may seek other counsel or file a writ of certiorari *pro se*. The deadline to file the writ is 90 days from April 18, 2025. An extension for up to 60 days may be granted for good cause.

Enclosed you will find your check submitted on June 9, 2025 in the amount of \$300. This check has not been negotiated. Also enclosed are the contents of your file.

Respectfully,




Sherman C. Smith

Enclosure

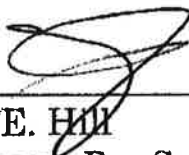
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I hereby certify that on September 12, 2025, a copy of this Declaration was mailed to Clerk, Supreme Court of Virginia, 100 North Ninth Street, Richmond, VA 23219.



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I certify that the foregoing is true and correct this 12th day of September 2025.



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DECLARATION VERIFYING TIMELY FILING

Applicant, Mary E. Hill, pursuant to SUP. CT. R. 29.2 hereby declares that an Application for Extension of Time to File a Writ of Certiorari for Record No. 240624, Court of Appeals No. 0563-23-1, a copy of which is attached to this Declaration filed in the above-styled matter was sent in envelope addressed to Chief Justice John G. Roberts of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20543 via registered certified U. S. Mail return receipt on the 10th day of July 2025.

By: _____

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