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**In the Supreme Court of the United States**

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**JOHN DE LIGHT,**

Applicant,

v.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**

**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, et al.,**

Respondents.

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

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**JOHN DE LIGHT**

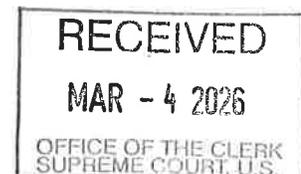
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## **APPLICATION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

To the Honorable **Elena Kagan**, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Ninth Circuit:

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Applicant John De Light respectfully applies for an extension of time of **sixty (60) days** to file a petition for a writ of certiorari.

**1. Prior Extension (Application No. 25A852).**

This application follows Application No. **25A852**, which extended Applicant's deadline to file the petition for a writ of certiorari to **February 28, 2026**.

**2. Jurisdictional Basis.**

Applicant intends to seek review under **28 U.S.C. § 1257(a)** of the California Court of Appeal's order in Case No. **E086627** and the California Supreme Court's order in Case No. **S292479** denying review and a stay on **October 1, 2025**.

**3. Judgment Sought to Be Reviewed; Current Due Date.**

The petition is presently due **February 28, 2026**, pursuant to this Court's prior extension order in **25A852**.

**4. Extension Requested; Proposed New Due Date.**

Applicant requests an additional **60-day** extension. If granted, the petition would be due **April 29, 2026**.

**5. Extraordinary Circumstances Explaining Why This Application Is Filed Less Than 10 Days Before the Due Date.**

Applicant files this application **less than 10 days before the due date** because he experienced an unexpected catastrophic hardware failure that made timely completion infeasible. Specifically, Applicant's computer monitor failed and the laptop hard drive failed, resulting in loss of access to essential draft materials and work product and requiring urgent troubleshooting, repair/replacement, and data recovery efforts. The failure occurred unexpectedly near the end of the drafting process and prevented

completion of final revisions, citation checks, formatting, and assembly of the petition and appendix by the current due date.

**6. Good Cause for Extension.**

Good cause exists for the requested extension because Applicant needs additional time to restore functional computing capability, recover and/or reconstruct draft materials, and complete a certiorari petition that complies with this Court's rules and responsibly presents the federal questions for review.

Applicant is also concurrently engaged in ongoing, time-sensitive litigation in (i) Riverside County Superior Court, (ii) the California Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, and (iii) the California Supreme Court, which has required Applicant, proceeding pro se, to prepare and file motions and petitions on compressed schedules. Those ongoing proceedings have materially limited the time available to complete the cert petition within the current deadline, particularly after the unexpected hardware failure described above.

**7. Appendix / Attachments.**

Applicant will attach the following documents to this application:

- Exhibit 1: Notice granting Application No. **25A852** (extending the deadline to February 28, 2026).
- Exhibit 2: California Supreme Court order denying review and application for stay (October 1, 2025) (Case No. **S292479**).
- Exhibit 3: California Court of Appeal order denying writ and immediate stay (**August 8, 2025**) (Case No. **E086627**).
- Note: No petition for rehearing was filed at the California Supreme Court and no order respecting rehearing exists.

**8. Service.**

Applicant has served this application and its attachments on all respondents (or counsel of record) as shown in the attached Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 02/28/2026

*John De Light*

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on **02/28/2026**, I served a true and correct copy of this Application to Extend Time to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, together with its attachments, on each respondent (or counsel for respondent) at the address below by: **[USPS First-Class Mail / Priority Mail / FedEx]**, postage prepaid:

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**Exhibit 1: Notice granting Application No. 25A852 (extending the deadline to February 28, 2026).**



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Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 11:06 AM

A new docket entry, "Application (25A770) to extend the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari from December 30, 2025 to February 28, 2026, submitted to Justice Kagan." has been added for John De Light, Applicant v. Superior Court of California, Riverside County, et al..

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A new docket entry, "Application (25A770) granted by Justice Kagan extending the time to file until February 28, 2026." has been added for John De Light, Applicant v. Superior Court of California, Riverside County, et al..

**Exhibit 2: California Supreme Court order denying discretionary review (Oct. 1, 2025).**

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Jorge Navarrete Clerk

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Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two - No. E086627<sup>Deputy</sup>

S292479

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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JOHN DE LIGHT, Petitioner,

v.

SUPERIOR COURT OF RIVERSIDE COUNTY, Respondent;

LAURA DE LIGHT, Real Party in Interest.

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The petition for review and application for stay are denied.

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**GUERRERO**  
*Chief Justice*

**Exhibit 3: California Court of Appeal order/decision (Aug. 8, 2025).**

COURT OF APPEAL -- STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
FOURTH DISTRICT  
DIVISION TWO

**ORDER**

JOHN DE LIGHT,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
THE SUPERIOR COURT OF  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY,  
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LAURA DE LIGHT,  
Real Party in Interest.

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E086627

(Super.Ct.No. RID1302119)

The County of Riverside

THE COURT

The petition for writ of mandate and request for immediate stay are DENIED.

MENETREZ

Acting P. J.

Panel: Menetrez  
Ramirez  
Miller

cc: See attached list

MAILING LIST FOR CASE: E086627

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