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In The

Supreme Court of the United States

GIORDANO JACKSON,

Petitioner,

v.

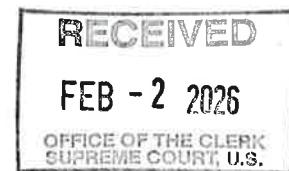
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States
Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

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

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

I. STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

Original Jurisdiction of this Honorable Court is invoked on a petition for a writ of certiorari pursuant to Article III of the constitution of the United States, 28 U.S.C. §1254(1), and is derived from a Final Order of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Case No. 25-3298, denying Petitioner's motion for a certificate of appealability. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals was invoked pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2253(c)(1)(B), and Rule 22(b), Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

II. JUDGEMENT TO BE REVIEWED

The Judgment of the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in the above noted cause is attached (as Exhibit #1) and was entered on November 17, 2025. Unless extended, the time for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari will expire on February 15, 2026. The jurisdiction of this Court would be invoked under 28 U.S.C. 1254(1).

III. REASONS EXTENSION IS JUSTIFIED

- (1). The Government Shutdown, Recent Holidays, Frequent Persistent Lockdowns, and "Short-Staffing" at USP Hazelton have interfered with Petitioner's Access to the Prison Law Library.
- (2). This case presents an important question concerning the proper application of the law of the case doctrine in federal habeas proceedings.
- (3). Petitioner presented this issue to the Ninth Circuit which denied a certificate of appealability without mentioning the issue and using only boilerplate language.

- (4). Petitioner is serving a Life sentence without the possibility of parole and believes his issue merits consideration by this Court and an extension is warranted.
- (5). The United States will not be prejudiced by the requested extension.
- (6). This request is being made more than ten (10) days prior to the current filing deadline as required by the rules of this Honorable Court.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that for good cause shown, an extension of time within which to file the petition be granted up to and including April 16, 2026, as permitted by Supreme Court Rules 13.5 and 30.

Dated: 1/23/ 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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