

No.

---

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

---

ROBERT FIEDLER  
MURIEL FIEDLER  
Petitioners,

v.

US BANK TRUST N.A., et al.

Respondents.

---

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

---

DIRECTED TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE THOMAS, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
JUSTICE FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

ROBERT FIEDLER  
MURIEL FIEDLER  
Petitioners

P.O. Box 196504  
Winter Springs, FL 32719  
Email: bob\_sunstate@yahoo.com

February 24, 2026

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR  
A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

---

**To the Honorable Clarence Thomas, Associate Justice of the  
Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the Eleventh  
Circuit:**

Pursuant to Rules 13.5 and 30.2 of this Court, Petitioners Robert and Muriel Fiedler respectfully request a 30-day extension of time, to and including May 29, 2026, within which to file their petition for a writ of certiorari seeking review of the judgment of the Supreme Court of Florida in this case.

**Background**

1. On October 10, 2023, Petitioner Robert Fiedler filed a civil rights complaint in the Middle District of Florida against the Honorable Susan Stacy and the attorneys representing U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., in the case *Fiedler v. Susan Stacy et al.*, Case No. 6:23-cv-01958. Shortly thereafter, on October 30, 2023, Petitioners Robert and Muriel Fiedler filed a wrongful foreclosure complaint against *Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., MTGLQ Investors, L.P., and U.S. Bank Trust, N.A.*, Case No. 6:23-cv-02092.
2. Less than a year later, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., foreclosed on the mortgage and recorded a lien on Petitioners Robert and Muriel Fiedler's home in the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida (Exhibit 1). On May 23, 2024, Petitioners filed a notice of appeal in the Fifth District Court of Appeal and moved for a stay of enforcement, which the court denied. While the appeal was pending, and before U.S.

Bank Trust, N.A. could sell their home, Petitioners filed a Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition on July 1, 2024 (Fiedler, Case No. 6:24-bk-03321). Shortly thereafter, the Fifth District Court of Appeal dismissed their appeal (Exhibit 2).

3. In their bankruptcy petition, Petitioners claimed their home as exempt under the Florida Constitution's homestead protection, Art. X, § 4, Fla. Const. U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., did not object to this exemption but instead moved to dismiss the petition as a bad-faith filing, arguing that Petitioners were attempting to relitigate issues previously decided by the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

The Bankruptcy Court agreed, dismissed the Chapter 13 case for bad faith under the Rooker–Feldman doctrine, and, on November 26, 2024, imposed a two-year filing injunction (Exhibit 3). Petitioners appealed that order to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, Case No. 6:25-cv-00112.

4. Petitioners then moved the Middle District of Florida for a stay of the bankruptcy court's mandate, but the district court denied the motion. After the stay was denied, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., returned to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit to proceed with the sale of the Petitioners' home. Petitioners objected to the sale and asserted that their home was protected as homestead property. The Eighteenth Circuit denied their motion and issued an order (Exhibit 4). Petitioner Robert Fiedler filed a petition for writ of prohibition in the Florida Supreme Court. The Florida Supreme Court transferred the petition to the Fifth District Court of Appeal, which subsequently denied it (Exhibit 5).

5. Petitioner Muriel Fiedler filed a separate petition for writ of prohibition, arguing that the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit lacked jurisdiction over her to enter judgment because she did not execute the promissory note or mortgage contract alienating her homestead interest.

6. U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., moved the Fifth District Court of Appeal to dismiss Petitioner Muriel Fiedler's petition and to bar both her and Petitioner Robert Fiedler from filing any further pro se pleadings in that court. The Fifth District Court of Appeal granted the motion and barred both Petitioners from future pro se filings (Exhibit 6).

7. Petitioner Muriel Fiedler sought discretionary review in the Florida Supreme Court of an order from the Fifth District Court of Appeal. On January 29, 2026, the Florida Supreme Court issued a decision declining to accept jurisdiction and denying rehearing (Exhibit 7). Petitioners' federal appeal and related federal claims remain pending in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida.

#### **Reasons for Granting the Extension**

8. U.S. Bank Trust N.A. hired a collection agency to remove Petitioners Robert and Muriel Fiedler from their home, causing them to incur expenses for alternative housing. Petitioners, therefore, seek additional time to obtain counsel. If, despite diligent efforts, they are unable to secure representation, they will be required to devote their own time to legal research, drafting arguments, and analyzing the issues so that this Court may fully understand their position as pro se litigants.

9. Petitioners' forthcoming certiorari petition both relies on and supports *T.M. v. University of Maryland Medical System Corp.*, No. 25-197, in which this Court granted certiorari on December 5, 2025. They contend that the Rooker–Feldman doctrine is inapplicable in bankruptcy when state court proceedings have not yet concluded, and state and federal actions are proceeding in parallel and remain pending at the time bankruptcy protection is sought.

10. Petitioners' writ petition will contend that allowing a creditor to invoke the Rooker–Feldman doctrine in bankruptcy—when the doctrine does not apply to the debtor and the creditor has failed to file a timely objection—violates due process. They maintain that this application of the doctrine effectively prevents the debtor from objecting to the creditor's proof of claim or asserting exemptions under state or federal law, resulting in the loss of property or access to property.

Petitioners further assert that such misuse of the Rooker–Feldman doctrine will have nationwide consequences for both creditors and debtors, disrupt the orderly operation of the federal appellate system, and inundate the Court's Clerk's Office with petitions for writs of certiorari.

11. Finally, with respect to Petitioner Muriel Fiedler, Petitioners contend that Due Process is violated when a court enters judgment against defendants who neither executed nor benefited from the underlying contract yet are still compelled to relinquish their homestead protections under Florida law. Petitioners will also contend that the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause is violated when state courts of Florida subject such defendants to disparate treatment and selective

enforcement, thereby denying them the equal protection afforded to similarly situated persons.

12. This Court's jurisdiction will be invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a) and, if the Middle District of Florida and Eleventh Circuit issue unfavorable appellate decisions, under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1). Granting an extension will allow those courts to rule, eliminating the need for separate state and federal writs of certiorari. Alternatively, Justice Thomas may, if he wishes, hold Petitioners' writ of certiorari in abeyance.

13. This is the Petitioners' first request for an extension of time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari in this case. Absent an extension, the deadline for filing a petition for a writ of certiorari will expire on April 29, 2026.

14. For the foregoing reasons, Petitioners respectfully request that this application be granted and that the deadline to file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended to May 29, 2026, or that if an extension is not granted, their petition be held in abeyance until this Court issues its decision in *T.M. v. University of Maryland Medical System Corp.*, No. 25-197.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Fiedler  
Petitioner

P.O. Box 196504

Winter Springs, FL 32719

Email: [bob\\_sunstate@yahoo.com](mailto:bob_sunstate@yahoo.com)

*Muriel Fiedler*

Muriel Fiedler

Petitioner

P.O. Box 196504

Winter Springs, FL 32719

Email: [genenefiedler@yahoo.com](mailto:genenefiedler@yahoo.com)