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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

DANIEL J. FELDMAN — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

LINDA STEINHOFF HOLMES — RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes: *

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following court(s):

Supreme Court of California - June 10, 2026

Related California proceedings: A175990 / CGC-21-594129

☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provision of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.

Daniel J. Feldman
(Signature)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

I, Daniel J. Feldman, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Self-employment	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Interest and dividends	\$25.75	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Gifts	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Alimony	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Child Support	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$3,145.90	\$N/A	\$3,145.90	\$N/A
Unemployment payments	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Other (specify): <u>None</u>	\$0.00	\$N/A	\$0.00	\$N/A
Total monthly income:	\$3,171.65	\$N/A	\$3,145.90	\$N/A

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
None - disabled	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.00
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.00

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
N/A - no spouse	N/A	N/A	\$N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$N/A
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$N/A

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$Approx. 600; for rent
Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g., checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
Schwab brokerage/checking (07/31/26)	\$46.35 (est.)	\$N/A
None	\$0.00	\$N/A
None	\$0.00	\$N/A

5. List the assets, and their values, which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☐ Home
Value 0.00 - none

☐ Other real estate
Value 0.00 - none

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model N/A - no vehicle
Value 0.00

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A - no vehicle
Value 0.00

☒ Other assets
Description Rutgers retirement benefit; understood unavailable. See Att. A.
Value Approx. 2,500

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owing you or your spouse money	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
None	\$0.00	\$N/A
None	\$0.00	\$N/A
None	\$0.00	\$N/A

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. For minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
None	N/A	N/A
None	N/A	N/A
None	N/A	N/A

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$1,000.00	\$N/A
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$225.00	\$N/A
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$20.00	\$N/A
Food	\$500.00	\$N/A
Clothing	\$50.00	\$N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$20.00	\$N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$200.00	\$N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$200.00	\$N/A
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$50.00	\$N/A
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$0.00	\$N/A
Life	\$0.00	\$N/A
Health	\$202.90	\$N/A
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$N/A
Other: <u>None</u>	\$0.00	\$N/A
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>None</u>	\$0.00	\$N/A
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$0.00	\$N/A
Credit card(s)	\$0.00	\$N/A
Department store(s)	\$0.00	\$N/A
Other: <u>None</u>	\$0.00	\$N/A
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$0.00	\$N/A
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$0.00	\$N/A
Other (specify): <u>Services - Attachment A</u>	\$507.56	\$N/A
Total monthly expenses:	\$2,975.46	\$N/A

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? 0.00

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

None. I am seeking pro bono counsel.

11. Have you paid—or will you be paying—anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how much? Est. 950; see Att. A

If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

Printing/mailling provider not yet selected; iPostal is under consideration. No final quote. Recurring commercial services are also disclosed in Attachment A.

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

See Attachment A. I have approximately \$600 cash reserved for rent later this month. My income, expenses, and assets are estimates. Prior Supreme Court printing, assembly, and mailing cost about \$950, which I cannot afford to repeat.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: September 10, 2026


(Signature)

ATTACHMENT A - FINANCIAL RESPONSES

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The financial amounts in this declaration are estimates. I have approximately \$600 cash on hand, reserved for rent later this month.

Question 1 - Income

My estimated gross monthly Social Security disability income is \$3,145.90, with no employment income. The \$25.75 monthly interest/dividend estimate is based on \$309 received in calendar 2025 divided by 12. My estimated average monthly income is \$3,171.65. Expected next-month income is \$3,145.90; I do not expect dependable interest income.

Questions 2-7 - Employment, cash, accounts, assets, and dependents

I report no employment during the preceding two years, no spouse or dependents, no home or other real estate, no vehicle, and no collectible money owed to me. I estimate my Rutgers retirement benefit at approximately \$2,500 and understand it is not presently withdrawable.

My approximately \$600 cash is separate from the Schwab account. The \$46.35 account estimate is the last documented value, as of July 31, 2026. On that date, \$49.13 was on hold and \$0.00 was settled or withdrawable. My balance fluctuates; these account figures have not been updated from a current bank statement.

Question 8 - Additional monthly expenses included in the \$507.56 entry

Functional category	Monthly amount
Legal research, transcription, preparation, accessibility, publishing	\$330.02
Cloud evidence preservation, security, monitoring	\$135.86
Virtual mail and court communications - base plan	\$9.99
Education - annual amount divided by twelve	\$14.84
Entertainment - active service	\$16.85
Total additional monthly equivalents	\$507.56

ATTACHMENT A - CONTINUED

Daniel J. Feldman | Financial declaration for proposed certiorari petition

Question 8 - Budget total and irregular expenses

My estimated monthly budget remains \$2,975.46: \$2,467.90 in living expenses plus \$507.56 in services. Cloud expenses include \$127.30 for Synology C2. Virtual mail includes the \$9.99 base plan, excluding variable scans, postage, storage, and top-ups. Annual charges are monthly equivalents. PayPal, Apple, Google Play, and Schwab payment channels are not counted again as separate expenses.

Question 9 - Expected changes and additional demands

I anticipate additional printing, assembly, service, and delivery costs for this Supreme Court filing from Costa Rica. I estimate approximately \$950 based on my previous Supreme Court production and mailing expense. The amount is an estimate; no final quote has been obtained. It excludes the Court filing fee. I cannot afford that expense.

Questions 10-11 - Payments for help with this Supreme Court case

Question 10: \$0; I am seeking pro bono representation. **Question 11:** I anticipate approximately \$950 for printing, assembly, service, and delivery. The provider has not been selected; its name, address, and telephone number are therefore not yet available. iPostal is under consideration. This is an anticipated expense.

I also disclose recurring commercial services used across my proceedings: ChatGPT, Google AI Pro, SoundType, Canva, Adobe, and GoDaddy (\$330.02 combined monthly estimate); Synology C2, iCloud, AlfredCamera, and NordPass (\$135.86 combined); and iPostal (\$9.99 base plan). Their combined \$475.87 is already included in Question 8 and is not added again. No amount solely attributable to this petition has been allocated.

The provider of Synology C2 storage is C2 Operations (America) Inc., 30 N Gould St Ste 1051, Sheridan, WY 82801; +1 307 429-2263. I do not have the other suppliers' mailing addresses and telephone numbers available. I have not retained a paid paralegal or typist to prepare this petition.

Question 12 - Why the expense prevents access

Printing, assembly, and mailing remain unaffordable even if the docket fee is waived. My cash is reserved for rent. I seek leave to proceed in forma pauperis. I previously reported a disputed IRS liability of \$27,900. I report no monthly tax payment; the disputed liability's current status has not been verified.