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IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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ROBERT F. MANSUETO PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

SUSAN JANE BRUNN 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):

☐ 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.

Robert F. Mansueto
(Signature)

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Form 4. Motion and Affidavit for Permission to Proceed in Forma Pauperis

Case Number(s)

Case Name

MANSUETO v BROWN

Affidavit in support of motion: I swear under penalty of perjury that I am financially unable to pay the docket and filing fees for my appeal. I believe my appeal has merit. I swear under penalty of perjury under United States laws that my answers on this form are true and correct. 28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621.

Signature

Robert J Mansueto

Date

9/25/26

The court may grant a motion to proceed in forma pauperis if you show that you cannot pay the filing fees **and** you have a non-frivolous legal issue on appeal. Please state your issues on appeal. (*attach additional pages if necessary*)

1. DUE PROCESS FAILURE: State probate court granted an Ex Parte Application removing Appellant as Co-Trustee (stripping his 1st Successor role) without a full evidentiary hearing or statutory cause.
2. CLERICAL SUPPRESSION: The Probate Judge issued the terminal order blindly, without ever seeing or reviewing Appellant's file-stamped Opposition officially submitted to the court on March 19, 2024.
3. SCOTUS PRECEDENT: Under Logan v. Zimmerman Brush Co., 455 U.S. 422 (1982), a litigant's right to have timely filed opposition papers considered by the judge is a protected Fourteenth Amendment property right. Adjudicating core title and residency rights in a complete clerical vacuum renders the resulting order constitutionally void.
4. IMPACT ON BENEFICIARIES: This failure displaced the son and daughter of the Settlers, subverting the trust mandate for continuous care of disabled dependent Joyce Mansueto by Appellant. This enabled older sister-2nd trustee, to execute massive fiduciary waste-attempt to dispose of home.

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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	\$	\$ 0	\$
Self-Employment	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Interest and Dividends	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Gifts	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Alimony	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Child Support	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ 2770	\$	\$ 2770	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Unemployment Payments	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Public-Assistance (such as welfare)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
Other (specify)	\$ 0	\$	\$ 0	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME:	\$ 2740	\$	\$ 2740	\$

2. List your 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
NA		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$

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
NA		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$
		From To	\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Financial Institution	Type of Account	Amount You Have	Amount Your Spouse Has
NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	CHECKING	\$ 50	\$ NA
		\$	\$
		\$	\$
		\$	\$

If you are a prisoner seeking to appeal a judgment in a civil action or proceeding, you must attach a statement certified by the appropriate institutional officer showing all receipts, expenditures, and balances during the last six months in your institutional accounts. If you have multiple accounts, perhaps because you have been in multiple institutions, attach one certified statement of each account.

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

Home	Value	Other Real Estate	Value
None	\$		\$

Motor Vehicle 1: Make & Year	Model	Registration #	Value
Motorcycle	Suzuki	25F8648 (CA)	\$ \$400
Motor Vehicle 2: Make & Year	Model	Registration #	Value
			\$

Other Assets	Value
Musical Instruments / art	\$ \$2,000
	\$
	\$

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

Person owing you or your spouse	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
NA	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

7. State the persons who rely on you or your spouse for support. If a dependent is a minor, list only the initials and not the full name.

WIDOWER

Name	Relationship	Age
NONE		

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, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$ 1500	\$
- Are real estate taxes included? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
- Is property insurance included? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 100	\$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	\$	\$
Food	\$ 400	\$
Clothing	\$	\$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 50	\$
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 150	\$
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ 300	\$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$	\$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
- Homeowner's or renter's	\$	\$
- Life	\$	\$
- Health	\$	\$
- Motor Vehicle	\$	\$
- Other	\$	\$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Specify	\$	\$

	You	Spouse
Installment payments		
- Motor Vehicle	\$	\$
- Credit Card (name) Visa	\$ 200	\$
- Department Store (name)	\$	\$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$	\$
Regular expenses for the operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$	\$
Other (specify)	\$	\$
TOTAL MONTHLY EXPENSES	\$ 2700	\$

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 spent—or will you be spending—any money for expenses or attorney fees in connection with this lawsuit? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how much? \$

11. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the docket fees for your appeal.

Attorney fees were paid for by a friend

12. State the city and state of your legal residence.

City

State

Your daytime phone number (ex., 415-355-8000)

Your age Your years of schooling