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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

CHARLES F. CHELEDEN, Petitioner v. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION, Respondent. No. _____

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

Petitioner Charles F. Cheleden, proceeding pro se, respectfully moves pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39 for leave to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of the docketing fee and other costs. Petitioner is financially unable to pay those costs.

Petitioner has not previously requested or been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this matter in any court.

Petitioner submits the accompanying affidavit or declaration addressing the matters required by Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure Form 4. Petitioner seeks review of the final judgment of the District Court of Appeal of Florida, Fourth District, No. 4D2025-1015.

Date signed: 10/23/2026 Signature: Charles F. Cheleden

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

I, Charles F. Cheleden, 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	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Self-employment	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Income from real property (such as rental income)	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Interest and dividends	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Gifts	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Alimony	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Child Support	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Unemployment payments	$ 0	$ N/A	$ 0	$ N/A
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	$ 6.42	$ N/A	$ 77	$ N/A
Other (specify):	$ 4,500*	$ N/A	$ 4,500*	$ N/A
Total monthly income:	$ 6.42	$ N/A	$ 77	$ N/A

* Repayable loans; see supplement

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 - unemployed for approximately two years			
			$
			$
			$

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 - not married			$
			$
			$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? $ 0
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
Checking: $0; savings: $0	$	$
	$	$
	$	$

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

☐ Home
Value 1/3 interest in residence; total home approx. $580,000

☐ Other real estate
Value

☐ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2005 Mercury Grand Marquis
Value $3,500

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model
Value

☐ Other assets
Description No other assets reported
Value

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		
	$	$
	$	$
	$	$

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		

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)	$ 2,680	$
Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes☒ ☐ No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	$ 500	$
Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)	$ 0	$
Food	$ 800	$
Clothing	$ 0	$
Laundry and dry-cleaning	$ 0	$
Medical and dental expenses	$ 0	$

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	$ 370	$
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	$ 0	$
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	$ 0	$
Life	$ 0	$
Health	$ 0	$
Motor Vehicle	$ Included above	$
Other: _____	$ 0	$
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	$ 0	$
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	$ 0	$
Credit card(s)	$ 300	$
Department store(s)	$ 0	$
Other: _____	$ 0	$
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	$ 0	$
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	$ 0	$
Other (specify): _____	$ 250 - pet care	$
Total monthly expenses:	$ 4,900	$

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 X ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

See attached explanation

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 X

If yes, how much? _____

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

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 X

If yes, how much? _____

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

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.
See attached explanation regarding unemployment, repayable family loans, home sale, printing expenses, and lack of available cash.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on: October 23, 2026

Charles D. Chleck
(Signature)

SUPPLEMENT TO FINANCIAL DECLARATION

Question 1 - Loans and public assistance:

I have had no employment or self-employment income for approximately two years. My parents have extended repayable family loans averaging approximately $4,500 per month, including assistance with essential expenses and mortgage payments. These advances are debts, not wages or gifts. The average should not be construed as independent earnings or available cash. I first received a $77 monthly SNAP benefit in October 2026. The 12-month average of one $77 payment is approximately $6.42 per month.

Questions 5 and 8 - Residence and living costs:

I own an undivided one-third interest in the residence, whose approximate entire-property value is $580,000. My parents hold the mortgage, with an estimated balance of $230,000. The $2,680 monthly payment (including real estate taxes and property insurance) is my housing responsibility but is currently paid by my parents as part of their repayable advances. My $370 vehicle figure combines gasoline, insurance, and maintenance and is entered once to prevent double counting. Pet care is $250 monthly. There are no bank balances or cash funds.

Question 9 - Anticipated major financial changes:

The family credit arrangement WILL terminate on December 31, 2026. A sale of the jointly owned home is anticipated to repay debt. The sale date and proceeds are not yet certain.

Question 12 - Financial hardship and legal printing costs:

The outstanding family debt is approximately $300,000, including $63,000 for the home down payment, $23,000 for purchase closing costs, nearly $100,000 in renovations and improvements undertaken to prepare the property for sale, and approximately $114,000 in other advances. These figures are components of the total, not additional debts. I also owe approximately $6,000 on credit cards and approximately $6,500 on my vehicle. Although I might be able to obtain $300 toward the Court's filing fee, doing so would exhaust funds needed for essential living expenses. I cannot afford the approximately $3,800 cost of professionally printed booklet-format filings or the substantial cost of multiple filing copies. I respectfully request permission to proceed in forma pauperis under Rule 39.

This supplement is part of the declaration signed on the preceding page.