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Petitioner Antonia Blackwell respectfully asks leave to file the accompanying petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis under Supreme Court Rule 39.

1. Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis in the following court: the United States District Court for the District of Utah, which on September 16, 2026, entered an order temporarily granting her motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, pending screening of her complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e). Blackwell v. The Pearl, No. 2:26-cv-00853-DAO (D. Utah Sept. 16, 2026), Dkt. 6.

2. Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is not attached because the court below, the Utah Court of Appeals, appointed counsel for Petitioner in the current proceeding. Sup. Ct. R. 39.1. By order entered April 24, 2025, in The Pearl v. Blackwell, No. 20250324-CA, the Utah Court of Appeals, on its own motion, ordered "that Sarah E. Spencer is appointed to represent the appellant for purposes of this appeal only" and directed the clerk to "amend the docket to reflect that Sarah E. Spencer is pro bono counsel of record for the appellant." Appointed counsel represented Petitioner in that court through the order of May 5, 2026, and the denial of rehearing

on June 3, 2026, and on the petition for certiorari to the Utah Supreme Court. A copy of the order of appointment is appended to this motion.

3. Petitioner has no income and no home. She lost her career in the course of the events this petition describes and has been unable to regain employment while homeless. The cost of printing and mailing an original and ten copies of the petition, its appendix, and this motion, as Rules 12.2 and 39.2 require, is a hardship she can meet only with difficulty, and she respectfully notes that for a litigant in her position the paper-filing requirement is itself a barrier to this Court. If the Clerk finds any deficiency in the form of her filing, she asks to be permitted to cure it by the least costly means the Rules allow.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Antonia Blackwell

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Dated: November 16, 2026

The Order of the Court is stated below:
Dated: April 24, 2025
09:22:38 AM

At the direction of the Court

by
/s/ Jennifer A. Gadbois
Clerk of Court

IN THE UTAH COURT OF APPEALS

THE PEARL, Appellee, v. ANTONIA BLACKWELL, Appellant.	ORDER Case No. 20250324-CA Trial Court Case No. 230401251

This matter is before the court on its own motion.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Sarah E. Spencer is appointed to represent the appellant for purposes of this appeal only. The clerk will amend the docket to reflect that Sarah E. Spencer is pro bono counsel of record for the appellant. Within fourteen (14) days after the date of this order, pro bono counsel must register on the court's website for the appellate eFiling system if counsel has not already done so.

Please file an appearance of counsel at your earliest convenience, and let us know if you have any questions.

End of Order - Signature at the Top of the First Page