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No. 26A_____

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

DETLEF F. HARTMANN,

Applicant,

v.

JUSTICE SUPREME COURT OF DELAWARE and

GREGORY B. WILLIAMS,

Respondents.

ON APPLICATION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI TO THE UNITED STATES
COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE A
PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

**TO THE HONORABLE SAMUEL A. ALITO, JR., ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CIRCUIT
JUSTICE FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT:**

1. Under Supreme Court Rules 13.5 and 22, Applicant Detlef F. Hartmann respectfully requests an extension of time to and including November 6, 2026, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the orders of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in No. 25-3379.

JURISDICTION

2. This Court would have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1), which authorizes review by writ of certiorari of cases in the courts of appeals.
3. This application is addressed to Justice Alito because he is the Circuit Justice allotted to the Third Circuit. Sup. Ct. R. 22.3.

ORDERS AND TIME FOR FILING

4. On June 9, 2026, the Third Circuit entered an order denying reopening in No. 25-3379. A copy must be inserted as Appendix B before this application is filed.

5. Applicant then submitted a paper titled “Petition for Panel Rehearing of the June 9, 2026 Order Denying Reopening.” On July 7, 2026, the Third Circuit entered an order identifying the rehearing paper, treating it as a motion for reconsideration, and denying it. That order is Appendix A.
6. Supreme Court Rule 13.3 provides that when a timely petition for rehearing is filed, or when a lower court appropriately entertains an untimely rehearing petition, the certiorari period runs from the denial of rehearing. Because the July 7 order expressly identifies and adjudicates Applicant’s rehearing paper, Applicant calculates the ordinary 90-day deadline from July 7, 2026, making the petition due October 5, 2026.
7. The July 7 order also uses the label “Motion for Reconsideration.” To eliminate any possible jurisdictional dispute over that label, Applicant is submitting this application before September 8, 2026, the first business day after 90 days from the June 9 order. The requested date of November 6, 2026, does not exceed 60 days from even that earlier protective date. See Sup. Ct. R. 13.5, 30.1.
8. To comply with Rule 13.5 under the earlier protective calculation, this application should be received and filed no later than August 28, 2026—more than 10 days before September 8, 2026. Filing earlier is preferable. The application does not rely on the pending Third Circuit clarification motion to extend the certiorari period.

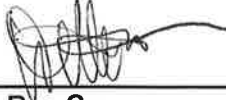
REASONS FOR THE REQUESTED EXTENSION

9. Applicant is proceeding without counsel and must prepare a petition that complies with Supreme Court Rules 14, 33.2, and 34, including a complete statement of related proceedings, a precise jurisdictional statement, and a properly assembled appendix.
10. Applicant must obtain and organize the complete relevant record, including the June 9 order, the July 7 order, the underlying District of Delaware orders, the docket entries bearing on reopening, and the filings necessary to present the procedural question accurately.
11. Applicant is promptly seeking clarification from the Third Circuit concerning whether the July 7 order disposed only of panel reconsideration or also disposed of rehearing en banc. The answer affects the accurate description of the proceedings below and may narrow the questions presented.
12. The requested extension is limited. It will allow Applicant to avoid a hurried or inaccurate filing while causing no cognizable prejudice because the Third Circuit proceeding is concluded unless that court grants further relief.
13. Applicant has not previously sought an extension of time to file the petition for a writ of certiorari in this matter.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended to and including November 6, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



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