

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PAUL SHAO,

Petitioner,

v.

ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Respondent.

APPLICATION TO THE HON. JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR.,

**CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE
FOURTH CIRCUIT,**

**FOR A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF
CERTIORARI**

To the Honorable John G. Roberts, Jr., Chief Justice of the United States and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit:

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) and Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioner Paul Shao, proceeding *pro se*, respectfully requests a 60-day extension of time, up to and including **October 23, 2026**, within which to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in *Paul Shao v. Allstate Insurance Co.*, No. 25-2248.

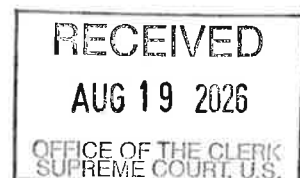
JUDGMENT BELOW

The judgment of the Fourth Circuit was entered on **May 26, 2026**. The 90-day period expires on Sunday, August 23, 2026. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30.1, the current deadline to file a petition for a writ of certiorari is **Monday, August 24, 2026**.

EXPLANATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SUBMISSION

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 13.5, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Application be accepted notwithstanding its submission within 10 days of the August 24, 2026 deadline due to extraordinary circumstances:

1. **Medical Treatment and Recovery:** Petitioner is managing ongoing recovery following radiation therapy for prostate cancer and recent bilateral cataract surgeries in mid-2026. While recent PSA check-ups show positive progress, medical providers have instructed Petitioner to avoid physical and cognitive overexertion to prevent health relapses or fall injuries.



2. **Estate Downsizing & Operational Housing Strain:** Petitioner is undergoing an extensive primary residence liquidation—disposing of two-thirds of his personal estate—to relocate to a concierge-serviced unit. In the final days preceding this deadline, Petitioner was forced to negotiate urgent, short-term bridge loan financing (approved late Friday, August 14, 2026) and submit a time-sensitive real estate purchase offer for an accessible apartment (3705 S George Mason Dr, #902S, Falls Church, VA). Managing these complex transactions concurrently with medical recovery severely impaired Petitioner's physical ability to finalize this filing prior to the 10-day mark.

JURISDICTION

This Court's jurisdiction will be invoked under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that Chief Justice Roberts grant a 60-day extension of time, extending the deadline to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to **October 23, 2026**.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: August 17, 2026

UNPUBLISHED**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**

No. 25-2248

PAUL SHAO,**Plaintiff - Appellant,****v.****ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY,****Defendant - Appellee.**

**Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, at
Alexandria. Rossie David Alston, Jr., District Judge. (1:23-cv-00809-RDA-WEF)**

Submitted: May 21, 2026**Decided: May 26, 2026**

Before AGEE and THACKER, Circuit Judges, and TRAXLER, Senior Circuit Judge.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

**Paul Shao, Appellant Pro Se. Katie M. Burnett, Meghan Golden, James Scott Humphrey,
Samantha L. Marchand, BENESCH, FRIEDLANDER, COPLAN & ARNOFF, LLP,
Chicago, Illinois, for Appellee.**

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.

PER CURIAM:

Paul Shao appeals from the district court's judgment entered after the court granted Defendant summary judgment and denied Shao partial summary judgment on Shao's multiple civil claims. On appeal, we confine our review to the issues raised in the informal brief. *See* 4th Cir. R. 34(b); *see also Jackson v. Lightsey*, 775 F.3d 170, 177 (4th Cir. 2014) ("The informal brief is an important document; under Fourth Circuit rules, our review is limited to issues preserved in that brief.").

We have reviewed the record in conjunction with the issues Shao raises on appeal and find no reversible error. *See, e.g., Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e)(2)-(3)* ("If a party fails to properly support an assertion of fact or fails to properly address another party's assertion of fact as required by Rule 56(c), the court may . . . consider the fact undisputed for purposes of the motion [or] . . . grant summary judgment if the motion and supporting materials—including the facts considered undisputed—show that the movant is entitled to it."); *Doe v. Pub. Citizen*, 749 F.3d 246, 269 (4th Cir. 2014) ("A corporation may possess a strong interest in preserving the confidentiality of its proprietary and trade-secret information, which in turn may justify partial sealing of court records.")

Accordingly, we affirm the district court's judgment. *Shao v. Allstate Ins. Co.*, No. 1:23-cv-00809-RDA-WEF (E.D. Va. Sep. 25, 2025). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before this court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED

FILED: July 24, 2026

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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PAUL SHAO

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

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Defendant - Appellee

O R D E R

The court denies the petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc. No judge requested a poll under Fed. R. App. P. 40 on the petition for rehearing en banc.

Entered at the direction of the panel: Judge Agee, Judge Thacker, and Senior Judge Traxler.

For the Court

/s/ Nwamaka Anowi, Clerk

Exhibit A

FILED: May 26, 2026

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUITNo. 25-2248, Paul Shao v. Allstate Insurance Company
1:23-cv-00809-RDA-WEF

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT

Judgment was entered on this date in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 36. Please be advised of the following time periods:

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI: The time to file a petition for writ of certiorari runs from the date of entry of the judgment sought to be reviewed, and not from the date of issuance of the mandate. If a petition for rehearing is timely filed in the court of appeals, the time to file the petition for writ of certiorari for all parties runs from the date of the denial of the petition for rehearing or, if the petition for rehearing is granted, the subsequent entry of judgment. See Rule 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States; www.supremecourt.gov.

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT OF APPOINTED OR ASSIGNED COUNSEL:

Vouchers must be submitted within 60 days of entry of judgment or denial of rehearing, whichever is later. If counsel files a petition for certiorari, the 60-day period runs from filing the certiorari petition. (Loc. R. 46(d)). If payment is being made from CJA funds, counsel should submit the CJA 20 or CJA 30 Voucher through the CJA eVoucher system. In cases not covered by the Criminal Justice Act, counsel should submit the Assigned Counsel Voucher to the clerk's office for payment from the Attorney Admission Fund. An Assigned Counsel Voucher will be sent to counsel shortly after entry of judgment. Forms and instructions are also available on the court's website, www.ca4.uscourts.gov, or from the clerk's office.

BILL OF COSTS: A party to whom costs are allowable, who desires taxation of costs, shall file a [Bill of Costs](#) within 14 calendar days of entry of judgment. (FRAP 39, Loc. R. 39(b)).

PETITION FOR REHEARING AND PETITION FOR REHEARING EN

BANC: A petition for rehearing must be filed within 14 calendar days after entry of judgment, except that in civil cases in which the United States or its officer or agency is a party, the petition must be filed within 45 days after entry of judgment. A petition for rehearing en banc must be filed within the same time limits and in the same document as the petition for rehearing and must be clearly identified in the title. The only grounds for an extension of time to file a petition for rehearing are the death or serious illness of counsel or a family member (or of a party or family member in pro se cases) or an extraordinary circumstance wholly beyond the control of counsel or a party proceeding without counsel.

Each case number to which the petition applies must be listed on the petition and included in the docket entry to identify the cases to which the petition applies. A timely filed petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc stays the mandate and tolls the running of time for filing a petition for writ of certiorari. In consolidated criminal appeals, the filing of a petition for rehearing does not stay the mandate as to co-defendants not joining in the petition for rehearing. In consolidated civil appeals arising from the same civil action, the court's mandate will issue at the same time in all appeals.

A petition for rehearing must contain an introduction stating that, in counsel's judgment, one or more of the following situations exist: (1) a material factual or legal matter was overlooked; (2) a change in the law occurred after submission of the case and was overlooked; (3) the opinion conflicts with a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, this court, or another court of appeals, and the conflict was not addressed; or (4) the case involves one or more questions of exceptional importance. A petition for rehearing, with or without a petition for rehearing en banc, may not exceed 3900 words if prepared by computer and may not exceed 15 pages if handwritten or prepared on a typewriter. Copies are not required unless requested by the court. (FRAP 40, Loc. R. 40(c)).

MANDATE: In original proceedings before this court, there is no mandate. Unless the court shortens or extends the time, in all other cases, the mandate issues 7 days after the expiration of the time for filing a petition for rehearing. A timely petition for rehearing, petition for rehearing en banc, or motion to stay the mandate will stay issuance of the mandate. If the petition or motion is denied, the mandate will issue 7 days later. A motion to stay the mandate will ordinarily be denied, unless the motion presents a substantial question or otherwise sets forth good or probable cause for a stay. (FRAP 41, Loc. R. 41).

U.S. COURT OF APPEAL FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT BILL OF COSTS FORM
(Civil Cases)

Directions: Under FRAP 39(a), the costs of appeal in a civil action are generally taxed against appellant if a judgment is affirmed or the appeal is dismissed. Costs are generally taxed against appellee if a judgment is reversed. If a judgment is affirmed in part, reversed in part, modified, or vacated, costs are taxed as the court orders. A party who wants costs taxed must, within 14 days after entry of judgment, file an itemized and verified bill of costs, as follows:

- Itemize any fee paid for docketing the appeal. The fee for docketing a case in the court of appeals is \$600 (effective 12/1/2023). The \$5 fee for filing a notice of appeal is recoverable as a cost in the district court.
- Itemize the costs (not to exceed \$.15 per page) for copying the necessary number of formal briefs and appendices. (The court typically orders 4 copies when tentatively calendared; 0 copies for service unless brief/appendix is sealed.). The court bases the cost award on the page count of the electronic brief/appendix. Costs for briefs filed under an informal briefing order are not recoverable.
- Cite the statutory authority for an award of costs if costs are sought for or against the United States. See 28 U.S.C. § 2412 (limiting costs to civil actions); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(f)(1) (prohibiting award of costs against the United States in cases proceeding without prepayment of fees).

Any objections to the bill of costs must be filed within 14 days of service of the bill of costs. Costs are paid directly to the prevailing party or counsel, not to the clerk's office.

Case Number & Caption: _____

Prevailing Party Requesting Taxation of Costs: _____

Appellate Docketing Fee (prevailing appellants):			Amount Requested: _____			Amount Allowed: _____	
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TOTAL BILL OF COSTS:						\$0.00	\$0.00

1. If copying was done commercially, I have attached itemized bills. If copying was done in-house, I certify that my standard billing amount is not less than \$.15 per copy or, if less, I have reduced the amount charged to the lesser rate.
2. If costs are sought for or against the United States, I further certify that 28 U.S.C. § 2412 permits an award of costs.
3. I declare under penalty of perjury that these costs are true and correct and were necessarily incurred in this action.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Certificate of Service

I certify that on this date I served this document as follows:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FILED: May 26, 2026

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J U D G M E N T

In accordance with the decision of this court, the judgment of the district court is affirmed.

This judgment shall take effect upon issuance of this court's mandate in accordance with Fed. R. App. P. 41.

/s/ NWAMAKA ANOWI, CLERK

Exhibit B

FILED: August 3, 2026

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
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Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

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Defendant - Appellee

M A N D A T E

The judgment of this court, entered May 26, 2026, takes effect today.

This constitutes the formal mandate of this court issued pursuant to Rule
41(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

/s/Nwamaka Anowi, Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 17, 2026, a copy of the Petition APPLICATION TO THE HON. JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT, FOR A 60-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI, emailed, and mailed to Defendant at the following address:

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