

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

Case No. _____

LEO STOLLER

Plaintiff-Appellee/Respondent,

v.

CMG MORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff-Appellee/Respondent,

Illinois Supreme Court Case No. 132809

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

TO THE HONORABLE AMY CONEY BARRETT, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES:

Petitioner **LEO STOLLER**, age 80, a disabled person, a protected person as defined by the Americans for Disability Act (ADA) proceeding *pro se* and *sui juris*, respectfully applies pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 2101(c)** and **Supreme Court Rule 13.5** for an extension of time to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari seeking review of the final judgment of the **Supreme Court of Illinois entered September 1, 2026 (Appendix 1)**, in **Illinois Supreme Court Case No. 132809, CMG Mortgage, Inc. v. Lanny Lutz, Michael Stoller, and Leo Stoller**.

1. The September 1, 2026 decision (Appendix 1) constitutes the final judgment of the highest court of the State of Illinois from which Petitioner seeks review by this Court.
2. Petitioner invokes this Court's jurisdiction pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 1257**, to the extent the requirements of that statute are satisfied.

JURISDICTION

1. The September 1, 2026 decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois, attached hereto as Appendix 1, constitutes the final judgment of the highest court of the State of Illinois from which Petitioner seeks review by this Court.
2. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 1257(a)**, which authorizes review by writ of certiorari of final judgments or decisions rendered by the highest court of a State in which a decision could not be had in any other court.

3. **The judgment sought to be reviewed is final for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1257 because the Supreme Court of Illinois has entered its final decision in this matter, and no further state-court review remains available to Petitioner.** Accordingly, the September 1, 2026 decision constitutes the state-court judgment for which review by this Court is sought.
4. **The case presents a federal question arising under the Constitution and/or laws of the United States.** The federal question was presented to and ruled upon by the Illinois courts, and the decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois adversely affected Petitioner's federal rights and claims.
5. **Petitioner therefore invokes the appellate jurisdiction of this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a) and respectfully requests that the Court issue a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the Supreme Court of Illinois.**
6. **The petition is filed within the time permitted by applicable law, or Petitioner seeks an extension of the time for filing pursuant to the grounds set forth in the Application Motion for Extension of Time.**

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AS A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The undersigned respectfully requests an extension of time to file **PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI** as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq., and applicable state law.

The requested extension is necessary because the undersigned's disability substantially interferes with his ability to prepare, review, and timely file the required legal papers within the presently prescribed period. The requested additional time is directly related to the limitations imposed by the disability and is necessary to provide meaningful and effective access to the judicial process.

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires public entities, including state and local courts, to provide reasonable modifications when necessary to afford qualified individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the services, programs, and activities of the public entity. See 42 U.S.C. § 12132; 28 C.F.R. § 35.130(b)(7).

An extension of a filing deadline may constitute a reasonable accommodation when additional time is necessary because of a litigant's disability. The requested accommodation does not seek preferential treatment or an alteration of the substantive legal rights of any opposing party. Rather, it seeks only sufficient additional time to permit

the undersigned, despite disability-related limitations, to meaningfully participate in the judicial process and present his claims and defenses.

Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Court extend the deadline for filing **PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI** to January 30, 2027.

The requested extension is limited in scope, reasonable in duration, and necessary to ensure that the undersigned has meaningful access to the Court and an equal opportunity to participate in these proceedings.

Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of time **through and including January 30, 2027**, in which to file his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari as an accommodation under the Americans for Disability Act (ADA) in order to obtain legal counsel.

I. JUDGMENT SOUGHT TO BE REVIEWED

3. On **September 1, 2026**, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered its final decision in this matter (**Appendix 1**)
4. **The September 1, 2026 decision constitutes the final judgment of the highest court of the State of Illinois from which Petitioner seeks review by this Court.**
5. Petitioner invokes this Court's jurisdiction pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 1257**, to the extent the requirements of that statute are satisfied.
6. A true and correct copy of the September 1, 2026 decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois is attached as **Appendix 1**.

II. GOOD CAUSE FOR EXTENSION

6. Petitioner is **80 years of age**, a disabled person, a protected person as defined by the Americans for Disability ACT (ADA) is proceeding without counsel, and is a person seeking to retain Counsel.
7. Petitioner 80, respectfully requests consideration of his disability and age as circumstances supporting good cause for the requested extension and as a reasonable accommodation under applicable federal law.
8. Petitioner is presently attempting to obtain **competent counsel experienced in appellate and United States Supreme Court practice** to assist him in evaluating and preparing a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.
9. The preparation of a petition for certiorari requires careful review of the state-court record, identification and presentation of substantial federal questions, compliance

with this Court's jurisdictional requirements, and strict compliance with the Rules of the Supreme Court.

10. Disabled Petitioner, 80, seeks additional time, as an accommodation under the Americans for Disability Act (ADA) so that he may make a meaningful effort to secure qualified counsel and allow counsel, if obtained, sufficient time to review the record and prepare a petition presenting the issues in a manner that complies with the requirements of this Court.
11. Disabled Petitioner, 80, has acted and is acting in good faith. This request is **not made for purposes of delay**, but to preserve Petitioner's opportunity to seek review by this Court and to obtain competent legal assistance.
12. No unfair prejudice will result to Respondent from the requested extension.
13. Disabled Petitioner, 80, respectfully submits that the requested extension is particularly appropriate given Petitioner's age, disability, *pro se* status, and ongoing efforts to secure counsel.

III. IMPORTANT FEDERAL QUESTIONS PRESENTED

14. Disabled Petitioner believes that the case presents substantial federal questions, including constitutional and federal-law issues that warrant consideration by this Court.
15. Petitioner further believes that the decisions below contain significant errors of federal law and that review by this Court is necessary to determine whether the constitutional and federal-law rights asserted by Petitioner have been properly protected.
16. Disabled Petitioner does not seek to burden the Court with a full presentation of the merits at this stage. Rather, additional time is requested so that Petitioner may obtain counsel and prepare a complete Petition identifying the questions presented and the reasons why review should be granted.

IV. TIME REQUESTED

17. Petitioner respectfully requests an extension **through and including January 30, 2027**.
18. The requested extension will provide Petitioner additional time to obtain counsel and permit counsel, if secured, to prepare a complete and properly supported Petition for a Writ of Certiorari.

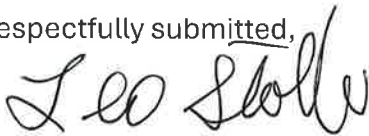
19. Petitioner respectfully submits that the requested period is reasonable and necessary under the circumstances.

WHEREFORE

Petitioner **LEO STOLLER** respectfully requests that the Honorable Justice Amy Coney Barrett grant this Application pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) and Supreme Court Rule 13.5**, and extend the time for Petitioner to file his Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in **CMG Mortgage, Inc. v. Lutz, Stoller, et al., Illinois Supreme Court Case No. 132809, through and including January 30, 2027**, and grant such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

The undersigned respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of time as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act and permit the filing of Petition for a Writ of Certiorari on or before January 30, 2027, in order to retain counsel, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo Stoller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

/s/LEO STOLLER MA ED 9-24-26

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Leo Stoller**, Petitioner, *pro se* and *sui juris*, hereby certify that on 9-24-26, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Application for Extension of Time to File Petition for a Writ of Certiorari** upon counsel for Respondent **CMG Mortgage, Inc.**, by the following method:

[x] United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid

Service was made upon:

Counsel for Respondent CMG Mortgage, Inc.

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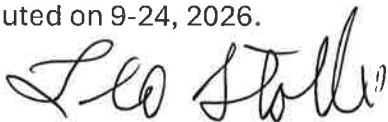
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 9-24, 2026.



/s/LEO STOLLER MA ED 9-24-26

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
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Upon consideration of the **Application of Leo Stoller for Extension of Time to File a
Petition for a Writ of Certiorari**, and for good cause shown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Application is **GRANTED/DENIED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Petitioner **Leo Stoller** is granted an extension of time, **through
and including January 30, 2027**, within which to file a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
seeking review of the judgment of the **Supreme Court of Illinois entered September 1,
2026, in Illinois Supreme Court Case No. 132809**.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order is entered pursuant to **28 U.S.C. § 2101(c)** and
Supreme Court Rule 13.5.

So ordered.

Dated: _____, 2026

Supporting record

The documents attached are true and correct copies

I certify that the attached Supporting Record Appendix 1 are true and correct copies of the record.

The Petitioner has met his burden of submitting "a record see Appendix Index that fully and fairly presents all matters necessary and material for a decision on the questions he raises." In re Estate of Jacobs, 189 Ill. App. 3d 625, 629, 545 N.E.2d 502, 136 Ill. Dec. 978 (1989)

VERIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law under Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as much matters, the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that I verify believe the same to be true, and the attached documents are true and correct copies of the originals.


/s/Leo Stoller 9-24-26

APPENDIX 1



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132809

Today the following order was entered in the captioned case:

Motion by Petitioner Leo Stoller, *pro se*, for leave to file a Petition for Leave to Appeal Instant. Denied.

Order entered by Justice Cunningham.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cynthia A. Grant".

Clerk of the Supreme Court

cc: Appellate Court, First District
Michael Stoller
Timothy Joseph Storino