No. 26A_____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

EMMANUEL IFEAGWU, Applicant

v.

CHIDINMA IFEAGWU, Respondent

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari

to the Supreme Court of Maryland

APPLICATION FOR AN 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 Fourth Circuit

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October 23, 2026

APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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

Applicant Emmanuel Ifeagwu, proceeding *pro se*, respectfully requests, under 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) and Supreme Court Rules 13.5, 22, and 30, a 60-day extension of time, from December 28, 2026, through February 26, 2027, to file a petition for a writ of certiorari. The requested extension is solely for Applicant Emmanuel Ifeagwu.

1. Judgment and timeliness

The judgment sought to be reviewed is the June 2, 2026 judgment of the Appellate Court of Maryland in Emmanuel Ifeagwu v. Chidinma Ifeagwu, No. 1842, September Term, 2025 (ACM-REG-1842-2025), affirming the circuit court in Case No. C-16-FM-24-006067. The Supreme Court of Maryland denied discretionary review on September 29, 2026, in Petition No. 197, September Term, 2026.

Under Rule 13.1, the 90-day period following September 29, 2026 expires on December 28, 2026. This application, submitted October 23, 2026, is filed more than 10 days before that deadline. The requested February 26, 2027 deadline is 60 days after December 28, 2026.

2. Basis for jurisdiction

Applicant will invoke this Court's jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1257(a) to review the final state-court judgment following denial of discretionary review by Maryland's highest court. The proposed petition will present federal due-process questions under the Fourteenth Amendment concerning the opportunity to present evidence in proceedings affecting parental rights and financial obligations. The Appellate Court expressly addressed Applicant's due-process challenge in Part VI of its opinion.

3. Specific reasons supporting the extension

Applicant must prepare the petition without representation by counsel. The appeal addressed six issues involving marital property, attorney's fees, imputed income and child support, valuation, custody and supervised visitation, and procedural due process. Preparing a focused petition requires review of the appellate opinion, briefs, transcripts, and record extract, rather than simply resubmitting the state appellate arguments.

Additional time is needed to identify the precise federal questions, correlate each question with the places in the state-court record where it was raised and decided, and address the preservation rulings and jurisdictional requirements relevant to review under § 1257(a). This work is necessary to comply with Rules 10 and 14.1(g)(i) and to present the federal issues accurately and concisely.

Applicant also needs time to assemble the required appendix, verify record citations and authorities, and complete the Court's filing and service requirements. The requested period will permit Applicant personally to complete these tasks and submit an orderly petition addressing the constitutional issues. Applicant seeks the extension in good faith to prepare that petition, not for delay.

4. Relief requested

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests an extension through and including February 26, 2027, to file his petition for a writ of certiorari.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: October 23, 2026

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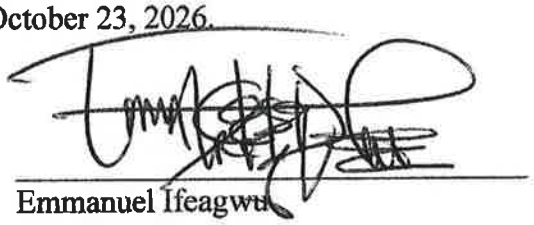
PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Emmanuel Ifeagwu, declare that on October 23, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Application for an Extension of Time to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, including its appendix, on counsel for Respondent Chidinma Ifeagwu by depositing it in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

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I also transmitted an electronic copy of the application and appendix to sdavidelling@aol.com on the same date. All parties required to be served have been served.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on October 23, 2026.



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NOTICE OF ORDER

Emmanuel Ifeagwu v. Chidinma Ifeagwu
Petition No. 197, September Term, 2026

On September 29, 2026, the Court entered an order[1] denying the petition in this Court.

/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk

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[1] The Court's order can be viewed online at https://www.mdcourts.gov/scm/petitions.