No. 26A_____

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

MICAH B. RIGGS,
Petitioner,

v.

HENRY T. BELL; WILL B. WOHLFORD; MORRIS, LAING, EVANS, BROCK & KENNEDY, CHARTERED,
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 Eighth Circuit

APPLICATION TO THE HONORABLE BRETT M. KAVANAUGH, CIRCUIT JUSTICE FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT, FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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To the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States and Circuit Justice for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit:

Petitioner Micah B. Riggs, proceeding pro se, respectfully applies under Rule 13.5 of the Rules of this Court for an extension of time of sixty days, to and including January 19, 2027, within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari to review the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in No. 26-2231.

THE JUDGMENT SOUGHT TO BE REVIEWED

The judgment sought to be reviewed is the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit entered June 30, 2026, in *Riggs v. Bell*, No. 26-2231, which dismissed Petitioner's appeal for lack of jurisdiction. The judgment reads in full: "The court has

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carefully reviewed the original file of the United States District Court and orders that this appeal be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction." Petitioner filed a petition for panel rehearing and rehearing en banc on July 14, 2026. By order entered August 20, 2026, the court of appeals denied the petition for rehearing en banc and the petition for rehearing by the panel. Copies of the judgment of June 30, 2026 and the order of August 20, 2026 are attached to this application, as Rule 13.5 requires.

The appeal was taken from the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, No. 4:23-cv-00746-BP, a civil action for legal malpractice in which the district court dismissed Petitioner's claims against Respondents Will B. Wohlford and Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chartered, under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6). Respondent Henry T. Bell appeared in the caption of the court of appeals as a defendant and appellee, and he is served with this application.

JURISDICTION

This Court would have jurisdiction to review the judgment of the court of appeals under 28 U.S.C. § 1254(1).

THE TIME WITHIN WHICH A PETITION MAY BE FILED

Under Rules 13.1 and 13.3 of this Court and 28 U.S.C. § 2101(c), the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari runs from the denial of rehearing on August 20, 2026 and expires on Wednesday, November 18, 2026. This application is filed more than ten days before that date, as this Court's Rules 13.5 and 30.2 require. Sixty days from November 18, 2026 is Sunday, January 17, 2027; the following day, Monday, January 18, 2027, is a federal legal holiday; under this Court's Rule 30.1 the period therefore extends to Tuesday, January 19, 2027. Petitioner asks that the time be extended to and including that date. Petitioner recognizes that the period fixed by

28 U.S.C. § 2101(c) is jurisdictional, see *Bowles v. Russell*, 551 U.S. 205 (2007), and he seeks no extension beyond the sixty days that Rule 13.5 permits.

REASONS AN EXTENSION IS JUSTIFIED

First. On November 5, 2026, Petitioner filed in the district court a new notice of appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (W.D. Mo. No. 4:23-cv-00746-BP, Doc. 202). That appeal is taken from the final judgment in the action as it stands following the district court's order of May 22, 2026 (Doc. 189), and from the district court's order of October 2, 2026 (Doc. 200), which denied Petitioner's request for entry of judgment in a separate document. Petitioner contends that the order of May 22, 2026 altered the judgment in substance, that Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58(a) therefore required the amended judgment to be set out in a separate document, that none was entered, and that the judgment was therefore entered under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 58(c)(2)(B) on October 19, 2026. The new appeal presents the same jurisdictional question that the judgment of June 30, 2026 decided without a stated ground. Within the period of the requested extension, the court of appeals may state a ground for its disposition or may enter a judgment in the new appeal. Either event would bear on whether a petition should be filed and on how it should be framed, including whether a single petition should cover both judgments under this Court's Rule 12.4, which provides that when two or more judgments of the same court are sought to be reviewed and involve identical or closely related questions, a single petition covering all the judgments suffices.

Second. The judgment of June 30, 2026 and the order of August 20, 2026 state no reasons. A petition that fairly presents the question whether the court of appeals had jurisdiction must therefore reconstruct, from the record of the district court, the ground on which the appeal was dismissed, and must address each ground the record permits. That work requires more time than remains before November 18, 2026.

Third. Petitioner is self-represented. He was permitted to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal in No. 26-2231, and he works full time. Preparing a petition that meets this Court's Rules within the twelve days remaining is not practicable for him.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the time within which to file a petition for a writ of certiorari be extended for sixty days, to and including January 19, 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

November 6, 2026

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Judgment of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in No. 26-2231, entered June 30, 2026.

Attachment 2: Order of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in No. 26-2231, entered August 20, 2026, denying the petition for rehearing en banc and the petition for rehearing by the panel.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Micah B. Riggs, Petitioner, pro se, declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that on November 6, 2026, I served the foregoing Application to the Honorable Brett M. Kavanaugh, Circuit Justice for the Eighth Circuit, for an Extension of Time Within Which to File a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari, with its two attachments, on each of the persons listed below by depositing one copy in the United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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All parties required to be served have been served.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on November 6, 2026, at Raytown, Missouri.

Micah B. Riggs

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 26-2231

Micah B. Riggs

Plaintiff - Appellant

v.

Henry T. Bell; Will B. Wohlford; Morris, Laing, Evans, Brock & Kennedy, Chartered

Defendants - Appellees

Appeal from U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri - Kansas City
(4:23-cv-00746-BP)

JUDGMENT

Before GRUENDER, SHEPHERD, and STRAS, Circuit Judges.

The court has carefully reviewed the original file of the United States District Court and orders that this appeal be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

June 30, 2026

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Susan E. Bindler

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Appellees

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ORDER

The petition for rehearing en banc is denied. The petition for rehearing by the panel is also denied.

August 20, 2026

Order Entered at the Direction of the Court:
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit.

/s/ Susan E. Bindler