

# Motion for Extension of Time

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

David James McNamara,      Petitioner,

v.

L. Edward Stengel, et al.,      Respondents.

## MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PAPERS

Petitioner, **David James McNamara**, respectfully moves for a **14-day extension of time, or a 30-day extension of time if the Court considers it necessary**, for any filings required in this matter, **pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 30**.

Petitioner appears **pro se** and is a **service-connected disabled individual** with medically documented limitations, including chronic spinal disability, degenerative disc disease, chronic systemic inflammation, recurrent deep vein thrombosis (DVT), bilateral pulmonary embolisms (PE), lifelong anticoagulation dependency, unstable INR levels, and chronic pain syndrome. These conditions substantially limit Petitioner's ability to prepare filings within standard timeframes.

Petitioner also has **severely limited transportation options** due to a **suspended driver's license**, which restricts access to printing, mailing, and other necessary resources. These disability-related and logistical constraints make timely filing significantly more difficult.

Petitioner submits this motion in good faith and not for purposes of delay. A modest extension of **14 days** will allow Petitioner to complete and mail all required documents safely and accurately, consistent with medical limitations and transportation restrictions.

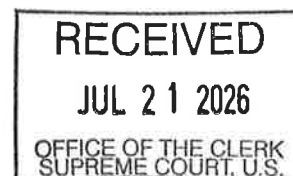
For these reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court grant a **14-day extension of time** for any filings required in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

**David James McNamara** Petitioner, pro se Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin

Date: 07/13/2026

*David McNamara*



## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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## FINAL JUDGMENT

February 25, 2026

Before

MICHAEL B. BRENNAN, *Chief Judge*  
THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, *Circuit Judge*  
JOSHUA P. KOLAR, *Circuit Judge*

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| No. 25-2112                                                                                                                                     | DAVID JAMES MCNAMARA,<br>Plaintiff - Appellant<br><br>v.<br><br>L. EDWARD STENGEL, et al.,<br>Defendants - Appellees |
| <b>Originating Case Information:</b><br>District Court No: 2:25-cv-00579-BHL<br>Eastern District of Wisconsin<br>District Judge Brett H. Ludwig |                                                                                                                      |

The appeal is DISMISSED, in accordance with the decision of this court entered on this date.

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Clerk of Court

**NONPRECEDENTIAL DISPOSITION**

To be cited only in accordance with FED. R. APP. P. 32.1

**United States Court of Appeals****For the Seventh Circuit****Chicago, Illinois 60604**

Submitted February 24, 2026\*

Decided February 25, 2026

**Before**MICHAEL B. BRENNAN, *Chief Judge*THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, *Circuit Judge*JOSHUA P. KOLAR, *Circuit Judge***CERTIFIED COPY**

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Nathaniel Gladie  
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Seventh Circuit

No. 25-2112

DAVID J. MCNAMARA,  
*Plaintiff-Appellant,**v.*L. EDWARD STENGEL, et al.,  
*Defendants-Appellees.*Appeal from the United States District  
Court for the Eastern District of  
Wisconsin.

No. 25-cv-0579-bhl

Brett H. Ludwig,  
*Judge.*

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\* The appellees were not served with process and are not participating in this appeal. We have agreed to decide the case without oral argument because the brief and record adequately present the facts and legal arguments, and oral argument would not significantly aid the court. FED. R. APP. P. 34(a)(2)(C).

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**ORDER**

David McNamara appeals the judgment dismissing his civil-rights suit for failure to state a claim. Because McNamara does not present any ground for reversal, we dismiss this appeal.

In 2025, McNamara sued current and former officials of Wisconsin (two judges who adjudicated proceedings involving him, a prosecuting attorney who prosecuted him, two state child-support employees who had telephone conversations with him in the mid-1990s, and a former Wisconsin Governor and Attorney General) for allegedly unfair court proceedings arising from his failure to make child-support payments. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The district court screened his operative complaint, *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B), and dismissed it for failure to state a claim. The court explained that McNamara's claims against the judges and prosecutor were barred by absolute immunity; that his claims against the remaining defendants for conduct that allegedly occurred in the 1990s were barred by the six-year statute of limitations then in effect, *see* WIS. STAT. § 893.53 (1980) (amended 2018); that any claims concerning his prior convictions or back payment were barred by *Heck v. Humphrey*, 512 U.S. 477, 486–87 (1994); and that any claims concerning his ongoing criminal proceedings were subject to abstention under *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37, 43–45 (1971).

On appeal, McNamara recites the facts of his child-support proceedings and the circumstances of his alleged disability, but he does not engage with the district court's decision that his complaint failed to state a claim. We are mindful of McNamara's pro se status, but he still must comply with Rule 28(a) of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure and include an argument explaining why the district court's decision was incorrect. *See Sullers v. Int'l Union Elevator Constructors, Local 2*, 141 F.4th 890, 895–96 (7th Cir. 2025); *Anderson v. Hardman*, 241 F.3d 544, 545–46 (7th Cir. 2001). Because McNamara does not develop an argument contesting the district court's rationale, we dismiss the appeal.

**DISMISSED**

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| Eastern District of Wisconsin        |                                                      |
| District Judge Brett H. Ludwig       |                                                      |

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United States Court of Appeals  
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

April 8, 2026

Before

MICHAEL B. BRENNAN, *Chief Judge*

THOMAS L. KIRSCH II, *Circuit Judge*

JOSHUA P. KOLAR, *Circuit Judge*

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Wisconsin.

No. 2:25-cv-00579

Brett H. Ludwig,  
*Judge.*

**ORDER**

On consideration of the petition for rehearing filed by Plaintiff-Appellant on March 30, 2026, all members of the original panel have voted to deny the petition for rehearing.

Accordingly, the petition for rehearing is hereby DENIED.

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## NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF MANDATE

April 16, 2026

To: Linda M. Klemm  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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Milwaukee, WI 53202-0000

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Herewith is the mandate of this court in this appeal, along with the Bill of Costs, if any. A certified copy of the opinion/order of the court and judgment, if any, and any direction as to costs shall constitute the mandate.

RECORD ON APPEAL STATUS:

No record to be returned

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **David James McNamara**, certify that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026, I served the foregoing **Petition for Writ of Certiorari** on the following parties by depositing a copy in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to:

**Clerk of Court** United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit 219 South Dearborn Street Chicago, IL 60604

**Counsel for Respondents:** [Name of Counsel, if known] [Office or Agency] [Street Address]  
[City, State ZIP]

I further certify that all parties required to be served under Supreme Court Rule 29 have been served.

**David James McNamara** Petitioner, pro se Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin



No parties were notified by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in this case. There are no Counsel or Respondents.

Case No. 25-2112 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.