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Re: Request for extension of time.
Karl Duskocil v. Patricia Culp - Appellate Case No. 2012-212341

I respectfully request a 60-day extension for submittal of my initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal in the above matter. I have not requested previous extensions of time. Please find my enclosed money order in the amount of \$25.00 for payment of the required filing fee.

I need more time since I am awaiting responses to urgent requests for documents and clarification of the circumstances directly relating to the draft, submittal, and basis for the Court's unanticipated sua sponte Order dismissing of the underlying Trust case; and for additional reasons as follows:

Most pertinent to this request for extension: Despite my multiple specific requests for reasons or any criteria considered by the Judge in exercise of his discretion, none were provided. This has presented unique challenges and has necessitated an extensive search of documentation and the record.

As a newly *pro se* appellant, the Judge's lack of guidance in his Order and subsequent communication, even as to justifications or proper applicability of Rule 41(b) in this instance, has hindered my ability and prolonged my effort to draft a comprehensive appeal. Since the record shows no failure of me (as Plaintiff) to comply with any Order of the Court, and the only contumacious behavior has been the Defendant Trustee's, including disregard for Courts' Orders and for the repeated requests of Plaintiff trust beneficiaries when asking for information necessary to fully prosecute the case and protect their interests; the effort to blindly discern the applied reasoning for sanction against me, through an extraordinary review of all available documents, is immediately more challenging than could be expected.

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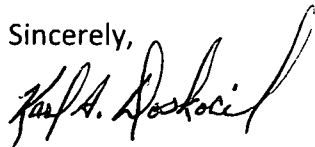
The Judge's one-paragraph dismissal was nested within a separate Order (three sentences, one provided entirely by opposing counsel). I was unaware of the Order until after it was filed; so I had no prior basis for an understanding of its merit. In fact, the dismissal portion of the referenced Order appears in conflict with recent on-record indications by the Court as to remanding of the case for trial by jury.

Without any hint as to the Court's reasoning, I am left to awkward conjecture both as to the basis for discretion exercised and as to necessary supporting documentation, arguments, and applicable citations to offer to the Appeals Court for its fair evaluation of my appeal. ...As a result, extraordinary time and effort has been required for case law research and in efforts to retrieve all documents in my own possession along with everything in the record that may have any possible relevance. Further, I am awaiting response from former Counsel regarding information and documents in attorney files or archive, and for specifics relating to the Judge's instructions for preparation of the surprise Order, which was issued without any warning, findings of fact, relevant motion, or opportunity to present evidence; any of which would dramatically speed effective draft of an appeal.

Lastly, but quite significantly; activity in a related case has recently and unavoidably demanded my attention and presence. (I now live out-of-state.)

Regrettably, all of this, added to concerns for familiarity and adherence to format and other requirements for pro se appeal, has been more time consuming than I could have anticipated; and I beg your favorable consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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