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DISTRICT 1

IN THE INTEREST OF N.H.,

A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 18

CASE NO. 2023TP001

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING TRANSCRIPT

Breeanna N. Watral, Official Court Reporter for Hon. Joseph Wall, moves the court pursuant to Wis. Stat. 809.11(7)(c), to extend the time for filing the transcripts for the above-entitled appeal to 4/17/2024. The transcript was requested on 11/13/2023. The filing date with the circuit court official is 12/13/2023. To date, I have completed 21 pages.

As grounds for granting this motion, I respectfully request that the court consider the following:

- 1) That a total of twelve transcripts were requested for this case, which included a substantial portion of the week-long court trial as well as the dispositional hearing.
- 2) That per Wis. Stat. 809.017(4), the reporter is only given 30 days to complete a transcript for an appeal on a termination of parental rights case, regardless of the length of the hearings being transcribed or the number of transcripts requested.
- 3) That due to being the official reporter for a judge in termination of parental rights court, this reporter has other transcripts for termination of parental rights cases that are of similar length and are also to be completed within 30 days of the request.
- 4) That, at the time, of writing, this reporter has a total of 47 outstanding transcripts, 45 of which are for termination of parental rights appeals and two of which are for criminal appeals.
- 5) That this reporter has been focusing attention on several older appellate transcripts to avoid having to file for a third request for extension for those transcripts.
- 6) That this reporter will be out of the office for the winter holidays and thus unable to complete transcript work.
- 7) That, in pursuit of obtaining workplace accommodations for worsening disabilities, this reporter completed an assistive technology assessment through the organization Independence First on September 12th of 2023. At the time of writing, (December 19th,

2023), this reporter has still not received the assessment results, thus stalling the process of obtaining these accommodations.

- 8) That due to these worsening disabilities and the continued lack of accommodations, this reporter is, unfortunately, unable to work as quickly or smoothly as would normally be possible.
- 9) That, due to national labor shortages—and, more specifically, due to the court reporter shortage in Milwaukee County—it is difficult for any reporter in this county to obtain workload relief.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 809.11(7)(c), this reporter requests an extension of 120 days from the time of writing to complete the transcripts of these hearings.

Dated this 19th of December, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Electronically signed by Breeanna N. Watral

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