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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

MICHAEL AMES,

Petitioner,

v.

PIERCE COUNTY,

Respondent.

NO. 93428-2

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ANSWER TO AMICI BRIEF THREE HOURS LATE

COMES NOW petitioner Michael Ames and asks this Court to grant him leave from the time requirements for filing his Answer to the Amici Brief pursuant to RAP 10.2 and 18.8 by three hours. This motion is based on the affixed declaration of Joan K. Mell.

DATED this 14th day of November, 2016 at Fircrest, WA.

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joan@3brancheslaw.com 25Ast6-26 N B G NA **DECLARATION**

I, Joan K. Mell, make the following statement under oath subject to penalty of

perjury under the laws of the State of Washington:

1. I am over the age of 18, competent to be a witness, and personally

knowledgeable about the facts in this declaration. I am the attorney for

Michael Ames.

2. Michael Ames respectfully requests that the Court grant him an additional

three hours to timely file his Answer to the Amici Brief.

3. I did not meet the four o'clock deadline for filing the Answer Brief to

Amici because I had not adequately communicated to my new staff that we would

be filing the brief today. Staff who were familiar with this matter are no longer

here. My calendar today included back to back meetings throughout the morning

and I did not realize that I had not provided the proper guidance until after noon.

I was in a telephone conference and had to complete my conference call and then

meet with staff to finalize the briefing. I have ensured the brief has been served

on opposing counsel and Amici today, within hours of when the brief would have

been considered timely filed.

Executed in Firerest, Washington, this 14th day of November, 2016.

Joan K. Mefl, WSBA # 2131