

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 25-0137

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IN THE MARRIAGE OF:

WILLIAM D. JUHNKE,

Petitioner and Appellee,

and

DEBORAH WHITE JUHNKE,

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Respondent and Appellant,

and

GEORGE "RUSTY" JUHNKE,

Intervenor and Appellant.

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Appellant Deborah White Juhnke moves for a 30-day extension of time within which to file her opening brief, presently due September 26, 2025. This is her fourth such request since the briefing schedule began. Deborah's counsel cites her "extensive schedule" as cause for the requested extension, without further detail. Appellee William D. Juhnke opposes this fourth extension, pointing out that both parties to this dissolution action are in their late 70s and arguing that Deborah's counsel knew of her scheduling conflicts when she requested her last extension and has failed to show the cause required by M. R. App. P. 26 for a second or subsequent extension of time.

Counsel's affidavit "setting forth a conclusory statement as to the press of business" does not demonstrate a showing of substantial need and diligence, as the appellate rules require. *See* M. R. App. 26(1), (2)(e). Given the immediately impending deadline, and so as not to prejudice the client, the Court will permit counsel some additional time. But, unless there is a showing of extraordinary unforeseen circumstances, this will be the last extension.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion for extension of time is GRANTED IN PART. The Opening Brief must be filed on or before October 17, 2025. No further extensions will be granted.