

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

DA 25-0262

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

HANNAH GALIA SNELSON,

Petitioner and Appellee,

and

DOMINGO BAEZ, JR.,

Respondent and Appellant.

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Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Montana

ORDER

On April 22, 2025, this Court granted self-represented Appellant Domingo Baez's verified petition for an out-of-time appeal. We received the record on April 25, 2025. We have since granted him two extensions of time—a forty-five-day and a ninety-day—to file his opening brief with the brief currently due on October 9, 2025. Those prior motions appeared to be unopposed.

Baez has returned to this Court requesting another ninety days of extension to file his opening brief as well as “an order directing the Clerk of the Yellowstone County District Court to expedite the correction and supplementation of the record on appeal[.]” This Court observes that Baez has indicated he contacted opposing counsel before filing this motion and opposing counsel objects.

The Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure provide the limitations and requirements in a motion. “The motion, including supporting argument and authority, shall be submitted in a single document limited to 1,250 words or less . . . or 5 pages of text . . . if typewritten.” M. R. App. P. 16(3). Baez's verified, typewritten motion is fifteen pages, and he includes a four-page affidavit. Baez submits that he does not seek a delay. He explains that he has other proceedings pending in the Yellowstone County District Court.

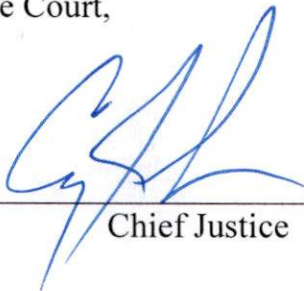
We remind Baez that he chose to appeal the underlying matter. This Court has the record and exhibits. We further observe that we did not receive a transcript after denying his waiver for such production costs. This Court is presently concerned with his instant appeal and the commencement of briefing. Baez's other District Court proceedings are not relevant to this appeal. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that Baez's motion for extension of time is GRANTED and Baez shall prepare, serve, and file his opening brief on or before Monday, November 10, 2025. No further extensions will be granted.

The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Order to counsel of record and to Domingo Baez, Jr.

DATED this 30th day of September, 2025.

For the Court,

By  _____
Chief Justice