

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

MICHAEL C. SKAKEL
Petitioner,

v.

PETER J. MURPHY,
Respondent.

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CASE NO. 3:07 CV 1625 (PCD)

JANUARY 8, 2009

PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR STAY AND ABEYANCE

Pursuant to the stay and abeyance rule set forth by the United States Supreme Court in Rhines v. Weber, 544 U.S. 269, 277 (2005), the Petitioner, Michael C. Skakel, hereby moves for a stay and abeyance of his Amended Petition For A Writ Of Habeas Corpus in order to permit the Petitioner time to exhaust the unexhausted claims that are set forth in his Amended Petition. In support hereof, the Petitioner has filed a Memorandum of Law.

**THE PETITIONER,
MICHAEL C. SKAKEL**

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on January 8, 2009, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically and served by mail on anyone unable to accept electronic filing. Notice of this filing will be sent by email to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system or by mail on anyone unable to accept electronic filing as indicated on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF System.

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