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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

FERNANDO NAVARRO HERNANDEZ,

Petitioner,

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JOHN HENLEY, et al.,

Respondents.

Case No. 3:09-cv-00545-LRH-CSD

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (ECF NO. 334)

11 In this capital habeas corpus action, the Court ordered the parties to file 12 supplemental briefing—an amended answer by Respondents, an amended reply by 13 Petitioner Fernando Navarro Hernandez, and a response to the amended reply by 14 Respondents—in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in Shinn v. Ramirez, 142 S. 15 Ct. 1718 (2022). See Order entered June 28, 2022 (ECF No. 307). Respondents filed 16 their amended answer on March 17, 2023 (ECF No. 317). Hernandez filed his amended 17 reply on August 14, 2023 (ECF No. 322). On August 14, 2023, Hernandez also filed a 18 motion for leave to conduct discovery (ECF No. 324), and a motion for evidentiary hearing 19 (ECF No. 325). After a 30-day initial period, a 44-day extension of time, a 74-day 20 extension of time and a 59-day extension of time, Respondents were due to respond to 21 Hernandez's amended reply, motion for leave to conduct discovery, and motion for 22 evidentiary hearing, by March 8, 2024. See Order entered February 20, 2015 (ECF No 23 94) (30 days for response to reply; responses to motions to be filed with response to 24 reply); Order entered September 14, 2023 (ECF No. 327) (44-day extension); Order 25 entered October 30, 2023 (ECF No. 330) (74-day extension), Order entered January 12, 26 2024 (ECF No. 332) (59-day extension).

On March 7, 2024, Respondents filed a motion for extension of time (ECF No.
334), requesting a further 90-day extension of time, to June 6, 2024, for their responses

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to Herrnandez's amended reply, motion for leave to conduct discovery, and motion for
evidentiary hearing. Respondents' counsel states that this extension of time is necessary
because of her obligations in other cases, serious personal health issues, and time that
she expects to be away from work over the next four months. Respondents' counsel
states that Hernandez, who is represented by appointed counsel, does not oppose the
motion for extension of time.

The Court finds that Respondents' motion for extension of time is made in good faith and not solely for the purpose of delay, and that there is good cause for the requested extension of time.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondents' Motion for Extension of Time (ECF No. 334) is **GRANTED**. Respondents will have until and including **June 6, 2024**, to file their responses to Petitioner's amended reply, motion for leave to conduct discovery, and motion for evidentiary hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in all other respects, the schedule for further proceedings set forth in the order entered February 20, 2015 (ECF No. 94) will remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), John Henley is substituted for William Gittere as the respondent warden. The Clerk of the Court is directed to update the docket to reflect this change.

DATED THIS 12th day of March, 2024.

LARRY R. HICKS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE