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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT TACOMA

8 JULIUS AYOMOLA OWOLABI,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 JEFFEREY PERKINS,

12 Respondent.

CASE NO. 3:24-cv-05979-LK-GJL

ORDER DENYING PETITIONER'S  
MOTION FOR  
RECONSIDERATION

13 This matter is before the Court on referral from the District Court and on Petitioner's  
14 Motion for Reconsideration of the Court's Order granting Respondent's Motion for an extension  
15 of time to file an answer to the Petition for writ of habeas corpus filed in this case pursuant to 28  
16 U.S.C. § 2254 ("Petition"). Dkt. 22. For the reasons set forth below, the Motion for  
17 Reconsideration (Dkt. 22) is **DENIED**.

18 **I. BACKGROUND**

19 On January 6, 2025, the Court issued an Order for service of the Petition upon  
20 Respondent. Dkt. 15. In the Order, the Court directed Respondent to file and serve upon  
21 Petitioner an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in  
22 United States District Courts ("Section 2254 Rules") within forty-five (45) days after service of  
23 the Petition. *Id.* at 2.

1 On February 18, 2025, Respondent filed a Motion for an extension of time to file an  
2 answer to the Petition. Dkt. 18. In the Motion, Respondent requested a 29-day extension of time  
3 to answer the Petition in order to enable him to finalize the analysis of Petitioner’s constitutional  
4 claims and ensure all relevant state court exhibits are properly prepared for filing. *Id.* On  
5 February 19, 2025, the Court granted Respondent’s Motion for an extension, directing  
6 Respondent to file an answer by March 21, 2025. Dkt. 19. Further, in that Order, the Court noted  
7 that, because “a complete state court record is necessary to review the Petition, the Court finds an  
8 extension of time is warranted and a response from Petitioner is not necessary. If Petitioner  
9 wishes to be heard on this Motion, he may file a motion for reconsideration.” *Id.* at 1 n.1.

10 On February 27, 2025, Petitioner filed the instant Motion requesting that this Court  
11 reconsider its Order granting Respondent’s Motion for an extension of time to file an answer.  
12 Dkt. 22. In the Motion, Petitioner makes several conclusory statements about the conduct of  
13 Respondent’s counsel in response to the arguments counsel made in his Motion for an extension  
14 of time to file an answer to the Petition. *Id.*

15 For example, Petitioner accuses counsel of deceiving the Court regarding his ability to  
16 timely collect Petitioner’s relevant state court record and making false statements regarding the  
17 complexity of the case. *Id.* at 2–5. Petitioner claims that, because he has provided his own state  
18 court record to the Court in support of his Petition (*see* Dkts. 20, 21, 23, 24), an extension of time  
19 is no longer needed and, thus, the Court should rescind its Order granting such an extension and  
20 direct Respondent to file an answer by March 7, 2025. Dkt. 22 at 6.

## 21 II. DISCUSSION

22 Motions for reconsideration are an “extraordinary remedy,” and “should not be granted,  
23 absent highly unusual circumstances, unless the district court is presented with newly discovered  
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1 evidence, committed clear error, or if there is an intervening change in the controlling law.”  
2 *Kona Enters., Inc. v. Estate of Bishop*, 229 F.3d 877, 890 (9th Cir. 2000) (internal citation  
3 omitted); Local Civil Rule 7(h)(1). Whether to grant or deny a motion for reconsideration is in  
4 the sound discretion of the Court. *Navajo Nation v. Confederated Tribes and Bands of the*  
5 *Yakama Indian Nation*, 331 F.3d 1041, 1046 (9th Cir. 2003) (citation omitted).

6 Here, in Respondent’s Motion for an extension of time to file an answer to the Petition,  
7 counsel asserted that the extension would allow him to:

8 (1) complete the collection of missing state court records, particularly those from  
9 the consolidated personal restraint petition proceeding; (2) conduct a thorough  
10 review of all materials to ensure completeness; (3) properly format the extensive  
11 documentation for electronic filing; and (4) prepare a comprehensive Answer  
12 addressing each of Mr. Owolabi’s nineteen claims with appropriate citations to the  
13 state court record.

14 Dkt. 18 at 3. Based on a review of the Motion, the Court found Respondent had shown good  
15 cause and granted the request for a 29-day extension. Dkt. 19.

16 Petitioner now seeks reconsideration of the Court’s Order, claiming that, among other  
17 things, Respondent’s counsel “is an arrogant, lazy, irrational, and unconscious lawyer who  
18 deliberately and ill-intentionally lie[s] about missing records in order to maliciously orchestrate a  
19 tactical delay in the adjudication of my petition.” Dkt. 22 at 3. He also claims that counsel’s  
20 “understanding of what constitute[s] complexity is a demonstration of his ineptitude and  
21 technical shortcomings in his ability to analyze the issues in my petition.” *Id.* at 5.

22 The Court finds these claims, as well as others made by Petitioner in the instant Motion,  
23 baseless and severely lacking in any evidentiary support. Furthermore, these allegations lodged  
24 against Respondent’s counsel do not support a conclusion that the Court committed any error in  
granting Respondent’s Motion.

1 Rather, the Court finds the decision to grant Respondent a brief 29-day extension of time  
2 to answer the Petition in order to enable him to finalize the analysis of Petitioner's constitutional  
3 claims and ensure all relevant state court exhibits are properly prepared for filing was reasonable  
4 and did not prejudice Petitioner's interest in seeking timely adjudication of the habeas Petition.  
5 Therefore, the Court finds no basis to reconsider its prior Order and **DENIES** Petitioner's  
6 Motion for Reconsideration. Dkt. 22.

7 **III. CONCLUSION**

8 Petitioner's Motion for reconsideration (Dkt. 22) is **DENIED**.

9 Dated this 6th day of March, 2025.

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12 Grady J. Leupold  
13 United States Magistrate Judge  
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