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**BY EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

Matthew E. Pollack, Esq., Executive Clerk of the Law Court  
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Re: M.R. App. P. 7A(j) in re: BCD-23-122  
*Robert E. Dupuis, et al. v. Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland*

Dear Mr. Pollack,

As authorized by M.R. App. P. 7A(j), I am writing to bring to the Court's attention a decision issued on March 22, 2024 by the Supreme Court of Louisiana *Bienvenu v. Doe*, 23-01194 (La. 03/22/24), \_\_\_ So.3d \_\_.

To comply with the requirement in the Rule that the letter state reasons for providing supplemental authority and refer to pages of the Brief or points argued orally, it seems sufficient to say that the Louisiana Supreme Court, interpreting the Louisiana Constitution, ruled, although not unanimously, that a Louisiana statute providing for a "window" allowing "revival" of actions on which the statute of limitations had expired is unconstitutional as a matter of vested rights analysis. The opinions of the justices of the Supreme Court of Louisiana have some bearing on much of what was argued in the briefs and orally in the pending cases.

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As required by the Rule, copies of this letter are simultaneously being transmitted to all parties and amici as indicated in the various certificates of service at the times of the original filings.

Sincerely,



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