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**Re: M.R. App. P. 7A(j) in re:
*Dupuis, et al v. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland (BCD-23-122)***

Dear Mr. Pollack:

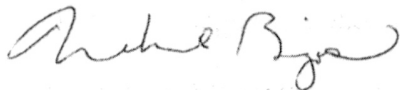
Pursuant to the Appellate Rules (M.R. App. P. 7A(j)), I write to notify the Court of an important update on supplemental legal authority supplied by the Appellant in the above captioned matter.

On March 25, 2024, Appellant alerted this Court to a decision by the Supreme Court of Louisiana bearing on the constitutionality of a statute reviving previously expired claims for child sex abuse. *See Bienvenu v. Defendant 1*, 2023-01194 (La. 3/22/24), 382 So. 3d 38, reh'g granted, 2023-01194 (La. 5/10/24).

As the preceding citation signals, the Supreme Court of Louisiana recently granted an application for rehearing. *See Bienvenu v. Defendant 1*, 2023-01194 (La. 5/10/24), --- So.3d--- 2024 WL 2102626 (Mem) (attached herewith).

Otherwise, Appellee is opposed to the Appellant's numerous writings to the Court providing additional information because it amounts to a unilateral, *de facto* extension of briefing deadlines inconsistent with and violative of the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

Sincerely,



Michael T. Bigos
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Enc: *Bienvenu v. Defendant 1*, 2023-01194 (La. 5/10/24), --- So.3d--- 2024 WL 2102626 (Mem)

cc: Gerald F. Petruccelli, Esq.

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2024 WL 2102626
Supreme Court of Louisiana.

Douglas BIENVENU, et al.

v.

DEFENDANT 1 and Defendant 2 #87184

John Doe, et al.

v.

Defendant 1 and Defendant 2 #87515

No. 2023-CC-01194

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May 10, 2024

Applying for Rehearing, Parish of St. Martin, 16th Judicial District Court Number(s) 87184 C/W 87515, Court of Appeal, Third Circuit, Number(s) CW 22-00542.

*1 **1 Application for rehearing granted. See Order.

Weimer, C.J., agrees with the grant of rehearing and would order this matter set for oral argument promptly during the month of May.

Hughes, J., dissents and assigns reasons.

Genovese, J., dissents.

ORDER

The application for rehearing is granted. In accordance with La. Supreme Court Rule IX, § 4, the parties are invited to file

supplemental briefs on or before Monday, May 20, 2024. The matter will not be set for argument.

IT IS ORDERED.

This 10th day of May, 2024. New Orleans, Louisiana.

/s/ _____

JUSTICE, LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT

Hughes, J., dissents and would deny rehearing.

**1 "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others." – Orwell

Adult rape victims? Holocaust survivors? Descendants of the enslaved? Which of these shall we favor?

As far back as the Code of Hammurabi (1750 BC), civilizations have provided time limits on legal claims as an essential element of fairness. Special interest exceptions are anathema to the broader and more important concept of Justice. Equal protection means equal.

Some victims of crime have teams of lawyers that proclaim, "The sky's the limit." Some die in the dark. Pray for them all.

All Citations

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