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No. 09-1162

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

CARL OLSEN,

Petitioner,

v.

Drug Enforcement Administration

Respondent.

UNOPPOSED MOTION OF THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR A 14-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO FILE ITS BRIEF

For the reasons set forth below, the government respectfully requests a 14-day extension of time, to and including April 13, 2009, in which to file its brief. Carl Olsen, proceeding pro se, has been informed of the government's intention to seek an extension and has consented to it.

 The government's brief is presently due on Monday, March
30, 2009. This is the government's first request for an extension.

2. Good cause exists for the extension because of government counsel's pre-arranged vacation plans and the press of other federal appellate filings for which government counsel is responsible. Mark Stern and Melissa Patterson are the attorneys with the Civil Division's Appellate Staff who have responsibility for this appeal. During the reply briefing time, Mr. Stern will be on vacation between March 21 and March 25, and has

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responsibility for the preparation of the government's brief as appellee/cross-appellant in <u>Conn. Bar Ass'n</u> v. <u>United States</u>, Nos. 08-4797, 08-5901, 09-0015 (2d Cir.), currently due Friday, March 27, 2009. Ms. Patterson is working on various internal matters.

3. Under these circumstances, the requested 14-day extension is necessary to permit the government an adequate opportunity to prepare its brief in this matter.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the United States respectfully requests that the Court grant the government's unopposed motion for a 14-day extension of time, to and including April 13, 2009, in which to file its brief in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 20, 2009, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. Participants in the case who are registered CM/ECF users will be served by the CM/ECF system.

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