

**SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
WASHINGTON, DC 20543-0001**

January 7, 2022

David P. Fontaine



RE: Fontaine v. United States, et al.

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

Returned are 10 copies of the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-entitled case postmarked on December 29, 2021 and received on January 5, 2022, which fails to comply with the Rules of this Court.

If you intend to pay the \$300 docket fee, the petition must be in booklet format and on paper that measures 6 1/8 by 9 1/4 inches. Rule 33.1(a).

The appendix to the petition as required by Rule 14 must be in booklet format and on paper that measures 6 1/8 by 9 1/4 inches. Rule 33.1(a).

The caption of the case must appear as appropriate in this Court. Rule 34.1(c).

The cover of the petition must bear the nature of the proceeding and the name of the Court from which the action is brought. Rule 34.1(d).

The cover of the petition must bear the title of the document. Rule 34.1(e).

The text of the petition and appendix must be typeset in a Century family (e.g., Century Expanded, New Century Schoolbook, or Century Schoolbook) 12-point type with 2-point or more leading between lines. The typeface of footnotes must be 10-point or larger with 2-point or more leading between lines. Rule 33.1(b).

The materials contained in the appendix have been photoreduced which is prohibited. The size of the print must comply in all respects with Rule 33.1(b).

All of the pages in the petition and appendix must contain margins of at least three-fourths of an inch on all sides. The text field, including footnotes, may not exceed 4 1/8 by 7 1/8 inches. Rule 33.1(c).

Question(s) presented must appear on the very first page of the petition. Rule 14.1(a).

The questions presented for review must be followed by the list of parties (if all do not appear on the cover), corporate disclosure statement (if applicable), table of contents, table of authorities, citations of the official and unofficial reports of opinions and orders entered in the case, statement of the basis for jurisdiction, constitutional provisions, treaties, etc., statement of the case, reasons for granting the writ, and the appendix. Rule 14.1.

The pages containing the questions presented for review through table of authorities should be numbered (i), (ii), (iii), etc. The following pages should be numbered 1, 2, 3, etc.

The word limit of the text of a petition is 9,000 words. Rule 33.1(g)(i).

The lower court caption, showing the name of the issuing court or agency, the title and number of the case, and the date of entry, must be included with the opinion in the appendix to the petition. Rule 14.1(i)(ii).

The proof of service must be separate from the petition, not within it. See Rule 29.5.

Also enclosed is your single USB flash drive.

Your petitions and MoneyGram in the amount of \$300.00 are herewith returned.

Kindly correct the petition and appendix so that it complies in all respects with the Rules of this Court and return it to this Office promptly so that it may be docketed. Unless the petition is submitted to this Office in corrected form within 60 days of the date of this letter, the petition will not be filed. Rule 14.5.

Three copies of the corrected petition must be served on opposing counsel. Rule 29.3.

In addition to the forty copies of the booklet-format petition and appendix, you must also submit one copy of the documents on 8 1/2- by 11-inch paper. Rule 33.1(f).

You must submit a certificate stating that the petition complies with the word limitation. The certificate must state the number of words in the document and must be separate from the petition. Rule 33.1(h). If the certificate is signed by a person other than a member of the Bar of this Court, the counsel of record, or the unrepresented party, it must contain a notarized affidavit or declaration in compliance with 28 USC 1746.

Sincerely,

Scott S. Harris, Clerk

By: 

Clayton R. Higgins, Jr.

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Enclosures