

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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At the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued and held at Charleston, Kanawha County, on June 28, 2023, the following order was made and entered **in vacation**:

In re B.L.-1, B.L.-2, K.L., M.L., and M.S.

No. 23-265

Lauren Brown
Official Court Reporter
Respondent for Contempt Proceeding

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CONTEMPT

On May 12, 2023, this Court ordered the official court reporter, Lauren Brown, to prepare and file, in the Circuit Court of Barbour County the transcripts requested by the petitioner for this appeal on or before June 12, 2023. The dates of hearings ordered to be transcribed are as follows: May 3, 2022; August 10, 2022; August 11, 2022; August 29, 2022; and March 14, 2023. Those transcripts were not completed as ordered.

On June 16, 2023, the petitioner R.L., by counsel Rachel Fetty Anderson, filed a motion requesting an extension of deadlines because the transcripts have not been prepared and filed.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to and does grant the petitioner's motion. The deadlines in this matter are extended until further order of the Court.

On June 26, 2023, after the deadline, Lauren Brown submitted an extension request to the Court.

Upon consideration and review, the Court is of the opinion to and does refuse Lauren Brown's request for an extension of time to prepare the transcripts.

Due to her failure to prepare transcripts as directed in this appeal, it is ordered that a rule to show cause in contempt does issue against official court reporter Lauren Brown commanding her to appear and directing her to show cause, if any she can, as to why sanctions should not be imposed on her. This rule to show cause in contempt is returnable before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia at its courtroom in the City of Charleston, County of Kanawha, at 1:50 p.m., on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, unless sooner mooted.

The rule to show cause may be rendered moot by Lauren Brown certifying and filing the transcripts as ordered in this action on or before September 5, 2023. The Certificate of Completion shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia.

Service of a copy of this order upon the official court reporter, Lauren Brown, shall have the same effect as the service of a formal writ.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser
Clerk of Court

