

Anonymous v Trustees of Columbia Univ. in the City of New York

Motion No: 2026-02011

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Decided on July 16, 2026

Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Present – Hon. Sallie Manzanet-Daniels,
David Friedman
Ellen Gesmer
Julio Rodriguez III
Marsha D. Michael,

Justice Presiding,

Justices.

Anonymous,
Petitioner-Appellant,

-against-

SEALED
Motion No. **2026-02011**
Index No. 101499/25
Case No. 2026-01774

The Trustees of Columbia University in the
City of New York,
Respondent-Respondent.

An appeal having been taken to this Court from an order of the Supreme Court, New York County, entered on or about March 13, 2026,

And petitioner-appellant, pro se having moved to seal her name and personally identifying information from the public record, to issue an injunction preventing respondent-respondent from using petitioner's real name or identifying information, to stay enforcement of the aforesaid order, to stay termination of her SEVIS record and F-1 visa status, to direct the Supreme Court hold a hearing for civil contempt, and to direct that the proceedings be reassigned to a different justice, and for a waiver of costs, fees and expenses on the appeal,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and due deliberation having been had thereon,

It is ordered that the motion is granted to the extent that petitioner-appellant is permitted to proceed anonymously on this appeal, the appellate record is sealed, and a waiver of costs, fees and expenses on the appeal is granted to the extent of permitting the appeal to be heard on the original record and upon a reproduced appellant's brief, on condition that appellant serves one copy of such brief upon the attorney for respondent and files with this Court an original and a single unbound copy of the brief, together with the original record, in accordance with section 1250.9 of the Practice Rules of the Appellate Division. Appellant is permitted to dispense with payment of the required fee for the subpoena and filing of the record.

If petitioner is represented by counsel, petitioner and respondent are directed to enter their initial information for electronic filing in the New York State Courts Electronic Filing System (NYSCEF) pursuant to section 1245.3 of the Electronic Filing Rules of the Appellate Division, and thereafter electronically file their respective briefs.

The Clerk of Supreme Court, New York County, is directed to have transcribed the minutes of the proceedings held therein, if any, for inclusion in the record on appeal, with a copy furnished to appellant, the cost thereof to be charged against the City of New York from funds available therefor. The motion is otherwise denied.

All concur except Friedman, J., who dissents and would deny the motion in its entirety.

ENTERED: July 16, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanna M. Rojas", written in a cursive style.

Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court