

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal from Georgetown County

Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-000211

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STEPHEN C. STANKO #6022,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

PETITIONER'S FOURTH MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE APPENDIX
AND PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner, Stephen C. Stanko, through undersigned counsel, for the reasons stated below, respectfully requests that this Court grant a second extension of time for ten (10) days to file the Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari presently due for filing on July 7, 2022. The reasons for this motion are as follows:

1. This Court granted a first extension of time on June 22, 2022 until July 7, 2022.
2. Since this Court granted the initial extension, counsel has spent significant time preparing for trial in *Owens v. Stirling*, No. 2021-CP-40-02306, which must be completed by early

August by order of this Court. Specifically, counsel prepared for and argued at a discovery motion hearing on June 23, 2022 before Judge Jocelyn Newman. Counsel has also prepared for expert depositions and prepared responses to pending motions related to the methods of execution litigation.

3. Petitioner's case concerns complex factual and legal issues that require thorough research briefing. Undersigned counsel reasonably believes that an extension is needed to thoroughly and accurately brief the issues in this case.

4. Undersigned counsel contacted counsel for the State, who does not oppose this extension request.

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, which counsel believes constitute good cause under this Court's Order dated March 18, 2009, undersigned counsel requests that this Court extend the deadline for filing the Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case an additional ten (10) days.

Respectfully submitted,

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