

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Georgetown County

Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-000211

STEPHEN C. STANKO #6022,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

PETITIONER'S FOURTH MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE REPLY TO STATE'S
RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner, Stephen C. Stanko, through undersigned counsel, for the reasons stated below, respectfully requests that this Court grant a third 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 18, 2022. The reasons for this motion are as follows:

1. This Court granted a second extension of time on July 6, 2022 until July 18, 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 has prepared for and traveled to an expert deposition in Nashville, TN and is preparing for four (4) additional depositions in the next five (5) days.

3. Petitioner's case concerns complex factual and legal issues that require thorough research briefing. Undersigned counsel is working on a draft reply, but 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 consents to 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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