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ALAN WILSON  
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January 27, 2023

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *The State v. James Heyward*  
Appeal from Richland County  
Appellate Case No. 2021-000122

Dear Ms. Howard:

I hereby request an additional and final ten (10) days in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced case. The Return is currently due to be served and filed today, January 27, 2023. However, because of my involvement in other matters in state and federal court, I have been unable to timely complete the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

Therefore, I am requesting this extension within which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. As of March 30, 2021, Appellate Defense has consented to extension requests through January 31, 2023.

Sincerely,

W. Joseph Maye  
Assistant Attorney General

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