

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Laurens County

Honorable J. Mark Hayes, Circuit Court Judge

MAURICE ANTHONY ODOM,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2022-001223

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE
THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Maurice Anthony Odom respectfully requests a **final seven (7) day extension, from March 20, 2023 until March 27, 2023**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. **This request is made necessary due to an unexpected death in counsel's immediate family last week. Counsel will make every effort to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this matter prior to March 27, 2023.** This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Maurice Anthony Odom respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. **Counsel experienced an unexpected death in her immediate family last week and could not complete the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter by the original deadline of March 20, 2023. Counsel will make every effort to file the Petition and Appendix in this matter before March 27, 2023. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel guarantees that no further extensions will be required in this matter.**

3. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jerry Cecil Edwards with the Court of Appeals on March 15, 2023. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the Brief of Appellant Pursuant White v. State, and the Appendix in the case of Markese East v. The State with this Court on March 8, 2023. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and the Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons with the Court of Appeals Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Johnny Chapman v. The State with this Court on March 7, 2023. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of Terry Shaimek Tyler v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 27, 2023. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Charles Bridges v. The State with this Court on February 16, 2023. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Devatee Clinton v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 8, 2023.


Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of Samir Kevin Shank v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 2, 2023. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of the State v. Bobby Ray McClure, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on January 30, 2023.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

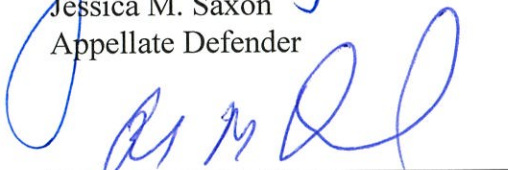
5. On February 28, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final seven (7) day extension, from March 20, 2023 until March 27, 2023**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 20th day of March, 2023.