

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Richland County

Honorable DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MICHAEL PAUL GRIFFIN,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2022-001360

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO  
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for Michael Paul Griffin respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from April 5, 2023 until May 5, 2023, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Wiley Chapman with the Court of Appeals on March 23, 2023. Counsel filed the brief of

appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Ivington Allen with the Court of Appeals on March 15, 2023. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. James Harold Baldwin with the Supreme Court on February 22, 2023. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix for Matthew Benninger v. State with the Supreme Court on February 10, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Elijah Deshawn Whack with the Court of Appeals on February 2, 2023. Counsel filed the brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Frederick Chappell with the Court of Appeals on January 20, 2023. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Ronald MJ Gregg with the Supreme Court on January 20, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Breante Stevens with the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2023.

3. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

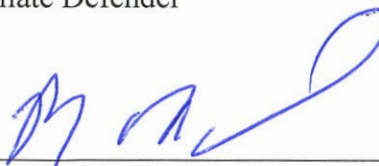
4. On April 4, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from April 5, 2023 until May 5, 2023, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



David Alexander  
Appellate Defender



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J. Hugh Ryan, III  
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Deputy Director and General Counsel/  
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This 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

  
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David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**From:** [Stock, Chris](#)  
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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service the 3<sup>rd</sup> Request for Extension for Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for Michael Griffin's appeal which will be filed today with the Court of Appeals.

Thank you.

Chris

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