STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Sumter County

William Jeffrey Young, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

THOMAS GEDDIE,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2012-212226

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until July 29, 2013,** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above–referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel is working on and plans to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the **death penalty** case of State v. Stephen Stanko in the United States Supreme Court tomorrow, June 28, 2013, or Tuesday, July 2, 2013. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Beulah Butler in the Supreme Court on June 24, 2013.

Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Anthony Wade in the Supreme Court on June 19, 2013. Additionally, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Christopher M. Stephens (from the COA) in the Supreme Court on June 19, 2013. **Counsel, for this office, has received an unprecedented number of death penalty cases from the lower courts at the same time over the past few weeks. Further, counsel continues his efforts to bring his entire caseload within office internal deadlines after falling behind because of two surgeries while having very heavy administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender which have included interviewing and hiring in the support and attorney staff.** Counsel filed a motion to appoint outside counsel in the case of Domonique Brown v. State in the Supreme Court on June 13, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of In the Interest of Brandon M., a Minor in this Court on June 11, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Osles Cunningham in this Court on June 10, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antonio Miller, as well as the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Kendrick Taylor, both in this Court on June 6, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Charles Pennell in this Court on June 5, 2013. In addition, Counsel filed the return to the motion for outside counsel in the **death penalty** case of Freddie Owens v. State, and the notice of supplemental authority in the **death penalty** case of James Roberson v. State, both in the Supreme Court on June 5, 2013. Counsel had oral arguments in the cases of State v. Dondre Scott and State v. Rashaun Sobers in this Court on June 4, 2013. Counsel filed the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the **death penalty** case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State, with Co-Counsel David Alexander, in the Supreme Court on May 28, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Jason Ray Franks (in the COA) in the Supreme Court on May 23, 2013. In

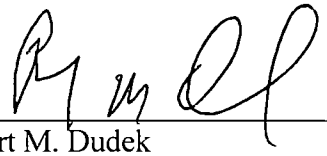
addition, Counsel filed the initial briefs of appellant and designations of matter in the cases of State v. Jefferson Perry and State v. Robert Renzo in this Court on May 23, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Jeffrey A. Michaelson in this Court on May 22, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Bobby McCann in this Court on May 17, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. William Brockmeyer, where he is Counsel with Miles Coleman and Matt Bogan of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, in the Supreme Court on May 15, 2013. Counsel had oral arguments in the cases of State v. Robert C. Johnson and State v. Andre Richardson in this Court on May 14, 2013. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Jamaal Hinson, with Co-Counsel Reid Sherard of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, in this Court on May 8, 2013. In addition, Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of In the Interest of David L., a Minor Under the Age of Seventeen, with Co-Counsel E. Charles Grose, Jr., in the Supreme Court on May 8, 2013. Counsel filed the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Craig Brannon v. State in the Supreme Court on May 6, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Andre Tayson Boone in this Court on May 1, 2013. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until July 29, 2013**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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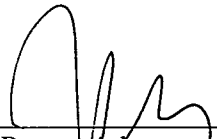

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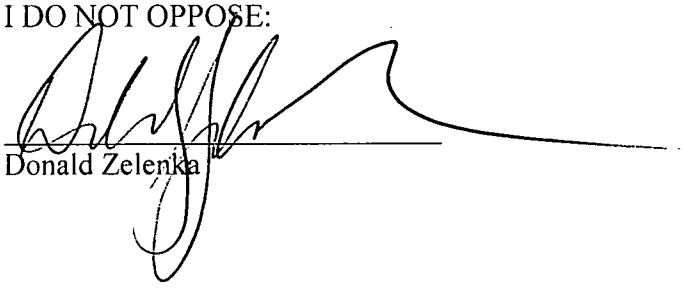

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