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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM THE DORCHESTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Heath P. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2023-000720

John Doe #53, John Doe 66, John Doe 66A, John Doe 67, Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2 and Rachel Roe, individually and as representative of a class of people similarly situated, Plaintiffs,

Of whom class members Julie McDonald and Richard McDonald areAppellants,

v.

The Bishop of Charleston, a Corporation Sole, and The Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, in his official capacity Respondents.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, Respondents Lawrence E. Richter, Jr., Richter & Haller, LLC, and David K. Haller (“Class Counsel”)¹ hereby move this Honorable Court for a thirty (30) day extension of time to file their initial brief and designation of matter to be included in this

¹ The Court’s records available online do not currently reflect Class Counsel as parties to this appeal. Class Counsel are informed and believe that omission is inadvertent because Appellants ostensibly seek to pursue legal malpractice theories against Class Counsel, because Class Counsel appeared and argued before the lower court, and because Class Counsel have an interest in the outcome of this appeal. See Rule 202(a), SCACR (designating a party adverse to appellant as respondent); and 4 C.J.S. Appeal and Error § 327 (“It is generally recognized that all persons who were parties to the action in the court below and who will be affected by, or who are interested in, the judgment, order, or decree, must be made parties to the appellate proceedings.”).

appeal. The current deadline is July 21, 2023. If granted, the new deadline will be August 20, 2023. This is Class Counsel's first request for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Bridge Steele, an employee of Bruner, Powell, Wall & Mullins, LLC, counsel for Lawrence E. Richter, Jr., Richter & Haller, LLC, certify that I have served a copy of the attached **MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** by e-mail and by depositing a copy of it in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on July 21, 2023, addressed to the following:

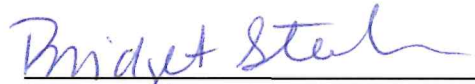
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**Re: John Doe #53 v. The Bishop of Charleston
Appellate Case No: 2023-000720
BPWM File No.: 3-716-134.012**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find Motion for extension of Time to file and serve the Respondents Lawrence E. Richter, Jr., Richter & Haller, LLC and David K. Haller's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced matter. I will mail a check to the Court today to cover the filing fee of \$50.00.

Sincerely,


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