

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Beaufort County

Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

JUSTIN E. WATTS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000395

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

Counsel for Justin Watts respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second 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 Justin Watts respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.


3. On July 26, 2023, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Dlanor Tilton with the Court of Appeals. On July 19, 2023, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in The State v. Tammy Caison Moorner with the Court of Appeals. On July 12, 2023, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Shakoya Darby with the Court of Appeals. On June 30, 2023, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Codrian Smalls with the Court of Appeals. On June 30, 2023, counsel, along with co-counsel, filed the brief of petitioner in William Bruce Justice v. The State with the Supreme Court. On June 22, 2023, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in The State v. Tammy Caison Moorner with the Court of Appeals. On June 8, 2023, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Lutavious Elmore before the Court of Appeals.

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

5. On August 1, 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 August 31, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension, 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 serving and 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 2nd day of August, 2023.