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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Beaufort County

Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge

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 a **final thirty (30) day extension, until October 2, 2023**, 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 third 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. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.

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 August 31, 2023, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in The State v. Tammy Caison Moorner with the Supreme Court. On August 17, 2023, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in Dominic Leggette v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On August 9, 2023, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Tracy Fabian with the Court of Appeals. 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.

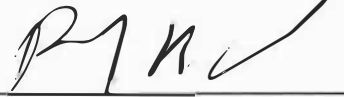
4. On September 1, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request.

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension until October 2, 2023** in which to 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,



Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 1st day of September, 2023.

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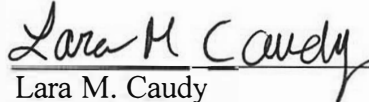
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for an Extension of Time to Serve and File the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above referenced case has been served upon Danielle Dixon, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 1st day of September, 2023.



Lara M. Caudy
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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER