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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Johnnie Walker Gaskins v. State, App. Case No. 2023-00085

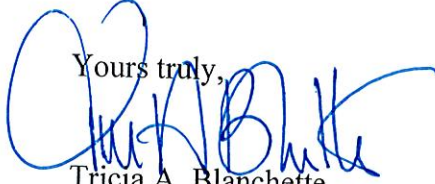
Dear Madam Clerk:

For the above referenced PCR appeal, I am writing to request my third thirty-day extension for serving and filing the Petitions and Appendix. This extension is needed due to my extremely heavy workload coupled with me coming down with a virus for a week during the last thirty days.

In the last two weeks, I have appeared on two extremely complicated motion hearings and two complex PCR evidentiary hearings in Calhoun and Greenville County. Preparation for the motion and evidentiary hearings included working with newly assigned opposing counsel, meeting with my clients at multiple prisons and preparing four experts, three investigators, two attorneys and several other witnesses. Also, during the last thirty days I have filed with this Court two complicated Notice of Appeals and a Petition for Writ of Certiorari from the Court of Appeals.

I have taken steps to nearly complete both Petitions, and the Appendix is completed. Therefore, I can assure the Court that barring an unforeseen circumstance, no further extension will be needed.

Thank you for your consideration with this matter. Please contact me if any additional information is needed.

Yours truly,

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