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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

William H. Seals, Circuit Court Judge

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND
TREATMENT OF JOSEPH CURTIS, JR.

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000285

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Joseph Curtis respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from September 25, 2023, until October 25, 2023**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Joseph Curtis 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

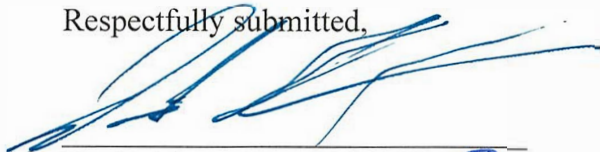
3. Counsel filed a Petition for Certiorari in the United States Supreme Court in the case of South Carolina v. Mary Ann German on September 25, 2023. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Henry Pinckney v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 20, 2023. On September 12, 2023, Counsel argued the death penalty case of Marion Lindsey v. The State in the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of In The Matter of the Care and Treatment of Ronald MJ Gregg with the Supreme Court on August 14, 2023. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Mitchell Cheatham v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 14, 2023.

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

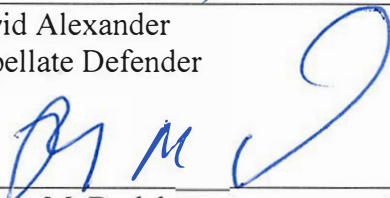
5. On September 1, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from September 25, 2023, until October 25, 2023**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

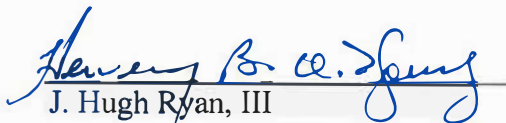
Respectfully submitted,



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This 25th day of September, 2023.

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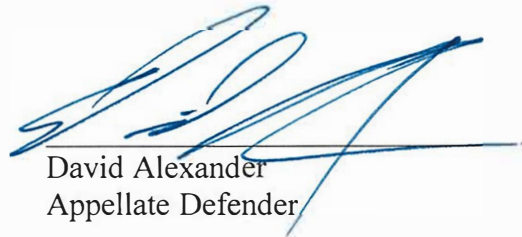
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Deborah R.J. Shupe, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 25th day of September, 2023.



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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached for service in the above-referenced case the Fourth Motion for Extension in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellate and designation of matter. This extension will be filed today, September 25, 2023, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Thank you,
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