

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Spartanburg County  
G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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ALEXANDER MATTHEWS,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000518

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

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Counsel for petitioner respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until November 8, 2023**, in which to 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 petitioner 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 the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Sosa Croft with the Court of Appeals on September 22, 2023. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Eric Harper v. State with the Supreme Court on September 6, 2023. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of William T. Smith v. State with the Supreme Court on August 23, 2023. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Sidney Stclair Moorer with the Supreme Court on August 18, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jaylen Bell with the Court of Appeals on August 14, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Hayden with the Court of Appeals on July 24, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Quayshaun X. Clark with the Court of Appeals on July 14, 2023.

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

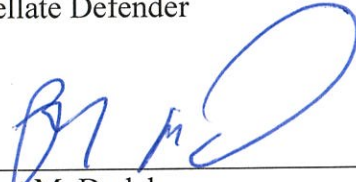
5. On October 3, 2023, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 31, 2023.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until November 8, 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,



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 9th day of October, 2023.