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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No: **2023-000669**

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The State of South Carolina,

Respondent,

v.

Ernest C. Bethel,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This matter is before the Court on the undersigned Counsel's Motion for Extension of Time to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-captioned case.

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter is due on **December 1, 2023**.

I, Dayne C. Phillips, Esq., respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter. This is Counsel's **third** request for an extension of time and is not intended for purposes of delay as it is reasonable and necessary due to Counsel's work schedule. Counsel is scheduled for a murder trial the week of November 27 - December 1, 2023, in Aiken County General Sessions Court.

I notified Senior Assistant Attorney General Melody J. Brown, Esq. of this request via email, and she consented to this request.

THEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this date served the within and foregoing Motion for Extension of Time by depositing a true and correct copy of the same via first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon all parties as follows:

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have enclosed the original Motion for Extension of Time, along with a Certificate of Service that I also emailed for filing today in the above-referenced case.

Thank you for your assistance with filing this document.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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