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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Laurens County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ANTONE B. ELLIS TREMAYNE BLAKELY,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-000721

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from January 5, 2024, until February 5, 2024**, 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 appellant 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.

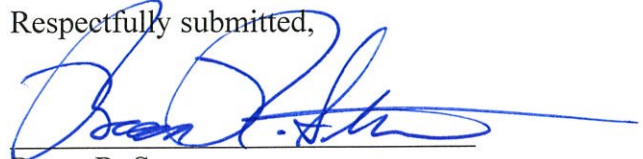
3. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Tronahz J.S. Whittington with the Court of Appeals on December 15, 2023. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Jeremy Savoy Cornish with the Court of Appeals on November 28, 2023. Counsel presented at the Public Defenders 101: Fundamentals of the Profession Workshop from November 20-21, 2023, in Columbia, SC. Counsel argued on behalf of PCR applicant during a reconstruction hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. State before Judge Jefferson on November 9, 2023. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant in the case of State v. Kenneth Mar Keith Chisolm with the Court of Appeals on October 30, 2023. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Alexander Rasheen Matthews v. State with the Supreme Court on October 20, 2023. From October 9, 2023 through October 11, 2023, counsel attended the Annual Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach. On October 4, 2023, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Demontay Markeith Payne before the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Sosa Croft with the Court of Appeals on September 22, 2023.

4. On January 2, 2024, 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 January 31, 2024.

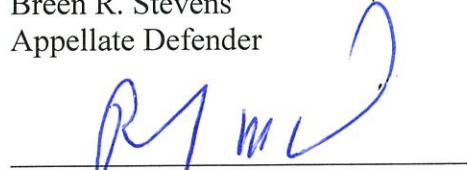
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from January 5, 2024, until February 5, 2024**, in which to serve and

file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

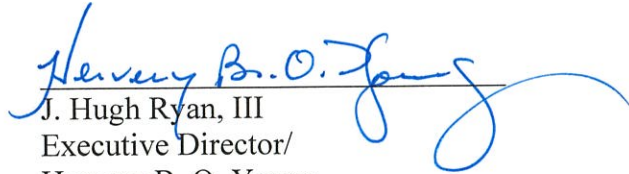
Respectfully submitted,



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This 5th day of January, 2024.

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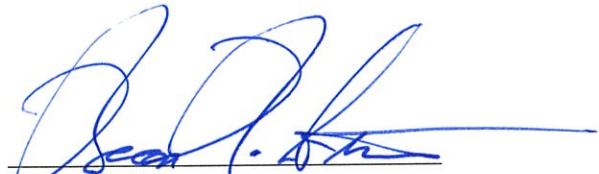
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 5th day of January, 2024.



Breen R. Stevens
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a copy of the fourth extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today, January 5, 2024, with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett
Admin. Asst. for Breen Stevens
Appellate Defense