

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Anderson County
R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge
S.C. Supreme Court

ROBERT EARLE RICKETTS,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2012-213611

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension, until August 28, 2013** in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

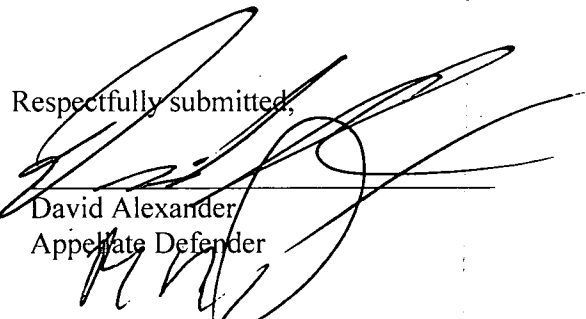
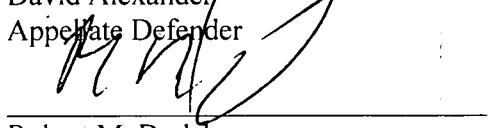
1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.

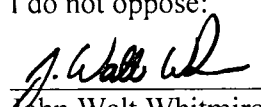
2. Counsel is currently working on a death penalty case in Marion Bowman v. State. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Steven Gregory Frost in the Court of Appeals on Thursday, July 11, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Brenda Bratschi in the Court of Appeals on Monday, July 1, 2013. On Friday, June 21, 2013, counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in State v. Stakren Jefferson in the Court of Appeals. Counsel had an oral

argument in the case of State v. Michael L. Couch in the Court of Appeals on Thursday, June 13, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Edward Dunn in the Court of Appeals on Monday, June 10, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Timmy Rogers in the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, June 5, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Darren Scott in the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. On Wednesday, May 8, 2013, counsel filed the Brief of Respondent and accompanying appendix with this Court in State v. Robert Watkins. On Monday, May 6, 2013, counsel filed the Brief of Appellant with this Court in Richard Sims v. State. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. James Miller in this Court on Thursday, May 2, 2013.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension, until August 28, 2013**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 29, 2013
I do not oppose:

John Walt Whitmire