

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Charleston County

Stephanie P. McDonald, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KENNETH THOMAS GAHAGAN,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2012-208388

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until August 28, 2013**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel is working on and plans to file the brief of petitioner in the **death penalty** case of John Edward Weik v. State in the Supreme Court tomorrow, July 30, 2013. Counsel filed the return to the motion for outside counsel in the case of Alti Monte Haskell v. State in the Supreme Court on July 25, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and

designation of matter in the case of State v. Antonio Thomas in this Court on July 24, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Robert Wayne Mitchell in this Court on July 19, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the murder case of State v. Edward W. Stackhouse, as well as the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Manuel Antonio Marin, with Co-Counsel David Alexander, both in this Court on July 18, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Richey Lamont Boyd in this Court on July 12, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the **death penalty** case of State v. Stephen Stanko in the United States Supreme Court on July 2, 2013. In addition, Counsel is working on the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the **death penalty** case of Brad Keith Sigmon v. State in the United States Supreme Court. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Derell Green in this Court on June 28, 2013. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Beulah Butler in the Supreme Court on June 24, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Anthony Wade in the Supreme Court on June 19, 2013. Additionally, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Christopher M. Stephens (from the COA) in the Supreme Court on June 19, 2013. Counsel filed a motion to appoint outside counsel in the case of Domonique Brown v. State in the Supreme Court on June 13, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of In the Interest of Brandon M., a Minor in this Court on June 11, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Osles Cunningham in this Court on June 10, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antonio Miller, as well as the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Kendrick Taylor, both in this Court on June 6, 2013. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Charles Pennell in this Court on June 5,

2013. In addition, Counsel filed the return to the motion for outside counsel in the **death penalty** case of Freddie Owens v. State, and the notice of supplemental authority in the **death penalty** case of James Roberson v. State, both in the Supreme Court on June 5, 2013. Counsel had oral arguments in the cases of State v. Dondre Scott and State v. Rashaun Sobers in this Court on June 4, 2013. In May, 2013, Counsel filed the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the **death penalty** case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State, with Co-Counsel David Alexander; the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Craig Brannon v. State; and the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Jason Ray Franks. Additionally in May, 2013, Counsel filed the initial briefs of appellant and designations of matter in the cases of State v. Jefferson Perry, State v. Robert Renzo and State v. Bobby McCann, and the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Jamaal Hinson, with Co-Counsel Reid Sherard of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP. Counsel filed the petitions for rehearing in the cases of State v. Jeffrey A. Michaelson, In the Interest of David L., a Minor Under the Age of Seventeen, with Co-Counsel E. Charles Grose, Jr., and State v. Andre Tayson Boone in May, 2013. Counsel also had oral arguments in the cases of State v. William Brockmeyer, where he is Counsel with Miles Coleman and Matt Bogan of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP, State v. Robert C. Johnson and State v. Andre Richardson in May, 2013.

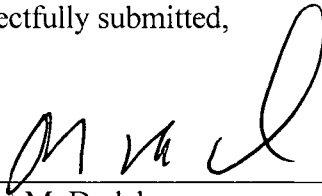
Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.

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.

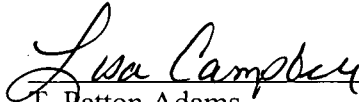
4. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

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 initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



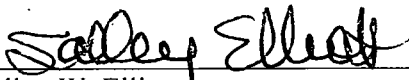
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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In absence of Hugh Ryan, Deputy Attorney and General Counsel for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and Patton Adams, Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and pursuant to instructions from Mr. Ryan, I ask that you accept this cover letter as an attempt to comply with the Court's order dated March 18, 2009, in regard to extension requests.

In the attached motion for an extension of time, Chief Appellate Defender, Robert M. Dudek, seeks a thirty day extension of time to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. Based on that and his extremely heavy case load, as outlined in the motion, he was unable to complete the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter.

Thank you for allowing me to bring this to your attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Campbell
Assistant Director
South Carolina Commission on
Indigent Defense