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February 1, 2024

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Jodi Stapleton v. State of South Carolina – Appellate Case No. 2023-000473

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is due to be served and filed on February 1, 2024. However, due to a heavy workload, I am requesting a thirty-day extension to serve and file this return. This is the **third** extension request in this case, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that the filing deadlines be held in abeyance while this request is pending.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Farthing
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar Number 76901

I have reviewed and approve this extension request:

Donald J. Zelenka
Deputy Attorney General

MRF/ec

cc: Jessica M. Saxon, Esquire (via electronic service)
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