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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Clarendon County

R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN A. WELCH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001048

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

Counsel for John A. Welch respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from February 5, 2024, until March 6, 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 John A. Welch 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.

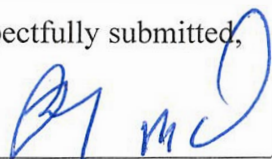
3. Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the murder case of The State v. Anthony N. Argoe with this Court on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. Counsel, along with co-counsels David Alexander and Lara M. Caudy, filed the Reply to the Brief in Opposition in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. with the United States Supreme Court on February 2, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Tirik Johnson-Epps with this Court on January 9, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in The State v. Martel Gaddis with this Court on December 12, 2023. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Channon T. Preston with this Court on November 29, 2023. Counsel presented on Preserving the Trial Record for Appellate Review and Post-Conviction Relief at the Public Defense 101 Conference Seminar on November 21, 2023 in Columbia, SC. Counsel, along with co-counsels David Alexander and Lara M. Caudy, filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in death penalty the case of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones with the United States Supreme Court on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Counsel appeared before this Court for oral argument in the seven legal issue murder appeal case of The State v. Keirin M. Dennis on November 16, 2023. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.


5. On January 31, 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 February 29, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from February 5, 2024, until March 6, 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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This 5th day of February, 2024.

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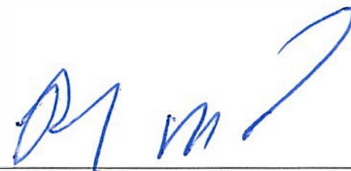
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 5th day of February, 2024.



Robert M. Dudek
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Good Morning,

Please find attached for service in the above-referenced case the Fourth Motion for Extension in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This extension will be filed today, February 5, 2024, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Thank you,
Shelby

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