

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Oconee County

**SC Court of Appeals**

R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND  
TREATMENT OF CHRISTOPHER T. WILDER,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001108

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

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Counsel for Christopher T. Wilder respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 4, 2024, until April 3, 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 Christopher T. Wilder 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.

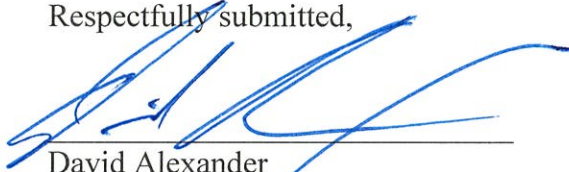
3. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Rashawn Vertez Carter with the Supreme Court on February 20, 2024. Along with Chief Appellate Defender Robert M. Dudek and co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, Counsel filed the Reply in Support of Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. with the United States Supreme Court on February 2, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Merrild Stewart with this Court on February 1, 2024. Counsel filed the Reply in Support of Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the case of State of South Carolina v. Mary Ann German with the United States Supreme Court on January 30, 2024. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Joey C. Reid with the Supreme Court on January 26, 2024. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Matthew Hogan with this Court on January 16, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent-Petitioner in the case of Jason Black v. The State with this Court on December 20, 2023. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Edna Sluder v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 6, 2023. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Perry Gustus Phillips with this Court on November 28, 2023.

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.

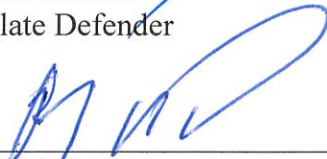
5. On February 28, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from March 4, 2024, until April 3, 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.

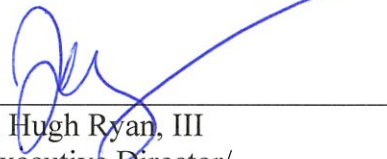
Respectfully submitted,



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This 4th day of March, 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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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 Deborah R.J. Shupe, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 4th day of March, 2024.

  
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