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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Darlington County

Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

FREDDY RAY HARRIS III,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001165

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

Counsel for Freddy Ray Harris respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from March 13, 2024, until April 12, 2024, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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 today.
2. On March 12, 2024, Counsel presented oral argument in the case of Victor D. Smith v. The State before this Court. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The

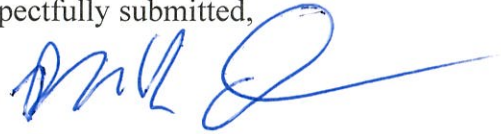
State v. John A. Welch with this Court on March 5, 2024. Counsel filed the Motion for Stay of Execution and Appointment of Post-Conviction Relief Judge in the case of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr. with the South Carolina Supreme Court on March 5, 2024. Counsel was a presenter at the S.C. Bar Criminal Practice CLE on February 23, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Anthony Argoe with this Court on 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 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 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.

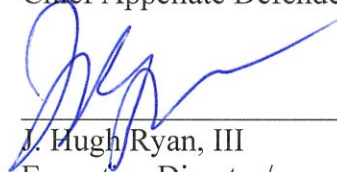
4. On February 28, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from March 13, 2024, until April 12, 2024. 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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This 13th day of March, 2024.

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 13th day of March, 2024.



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Chief Appellate Defender

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Good Morning,

Please find attached for service in the above-referenced case the Third Motion for Extension in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This extension will be filed today, March 13, 2024, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Thank you,
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