

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Williamsburg County
R. Kirk Griffin, Circuit Court Judge

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JOHN D. COOK,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001648

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Petitioner 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.

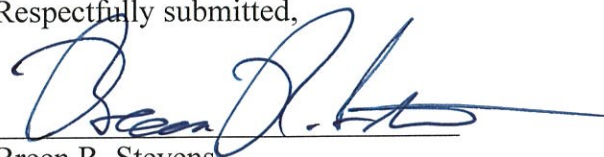
3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Heather Lawson v. State with the Supreme Court on March 28, 2024. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Sean Devon James with the Court of Appeals on March 21, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antonio L. Williams with the Court of Appeals on March 6, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Bradley Walker with the Court of Appeals on March 4, 2024. Counsel represented petitioner in a PCR reconstruction hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. State via WebEx hearing on February 26, 2024. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Nathaniel Hampleton v. State with the Supreme Court on February 22, 2024. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Frederick Jones v. State with the Supreme Court on February 12, 2024. Counsel represented petitioner in a PCR reconstruction hearing in the case of Jacoby Fields v. State via WebEx hearing on February 6, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Antone B. Ellis Tremayne Blakely with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2024.

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

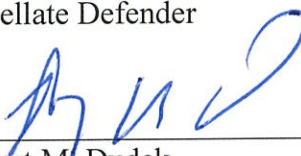
5. On March 29, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Breen R. Stevens
Appellate Defender

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Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 3rd day of April, 2024.