

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Spartanburg County

Daniel E. Martin, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CORNELIUS JEROME STAGGERS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001361

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

Counsel for Cornelius Jerome Staggers respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from May 3, 2024, until June 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 Cornelius Jerome Staggers 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.

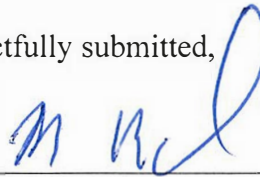
3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Mason Yarborough with this Court on May 1, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Shana Robinson with this Court on April 25, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Raymond Martinez with this Court on April 17, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Douglas Young v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 3, 2024. 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 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 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.

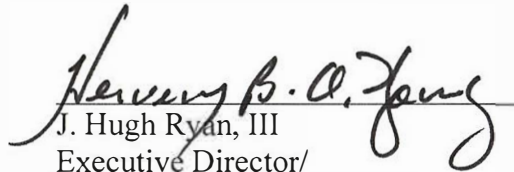
5. On April 30, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from May 3, 2024, until June 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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This 3rd day of May, 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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 3rd day of May, 2024.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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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, May 3, 2024, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Thank you,
Shelby

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