

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

DeAndrea G. Benjamin, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

MELVIN P. STUKES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2012-212628

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until September 16, 2013**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel will file the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Brandon Green on Wednesday, August 14, 2013. Also on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Bobby Pyke v. State. On Tuesday, August 13, 2013, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying

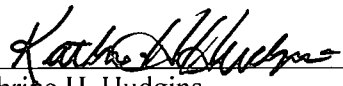
appendix in Anthony M. Brown v. State. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Stanley Wise v. State on Friday, August 2, 2013. Also on Friday, August 2, 2013 counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Joseph Wadell Dunbar. Also on Friday, August 2, 2013 counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Romeo Brown. Also on Friday, August 2, 2013 counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Prentiss Love. On Thursday, July 25, 2013, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in State v. Antwan McMillan. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Butler Gatson on Wednesday, July 24, 2013. On Friday, July 19, 2013 counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Michael Williams v. State. On Wednesday, July 17, 2013 counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Lorenzo Jermaine Inman. On Friday, July 12, 2013 counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Dominique J. Shumate. On Thursday, July 11, 2013, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in State v. Henry Dukes. On Friday, July 5, 2013, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Wendell G. Delarge v. State. On Wednesday July 3, 2013, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in State v. James Bowers. On Friday June, 28, 2013, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the State v. Joseph Walker. On Thursday, June 27, 2013, counsel filed Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of David Heath v. State. On Wednesday, June 5, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Alirio Ortiz.

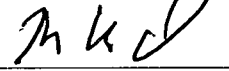
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

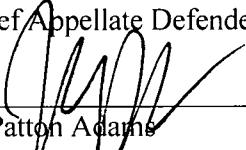
4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until September 16, 2013**. 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,

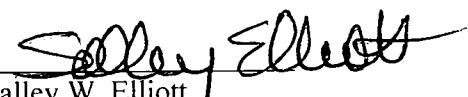
  
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August 16, 2013

I DO NOT OPPOSE:

  
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