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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Jasper County

Honorable Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

BENJAMIN WALTER DUBOIS III,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001307

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

Counsel for Benjamin Walter DuBois III, respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from July 5, 2024, until August 5, 2024**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. 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 on July 5, 2024.
2. Counsel for Benjamin Walter DuBois III respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel filed the return in opposition to motion to strike in the case of Maurio D.

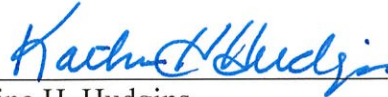
Rivers v. The State with the Court of Appeals on June 27, 2024. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Maurice Mitchell v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 12, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Don Leequin Brown with the Court of Appeals on June 12, 2024. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Alexander Rhue, Jr. before the Supreme Court on June 6, 2024. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Christopher Quick with the Court of Appeals on June 4, 2024. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Olandio Workman before the Supreme Court on May 22, 2024. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jason Edwin Stoots before the Supreme Court on May 21, 2024. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Terrell Denard Knightner with the Supreme Court on May 17, 2024. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Francisco R. Rodriguez v. The State before the Court of Appeals on May 8, 2024.

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

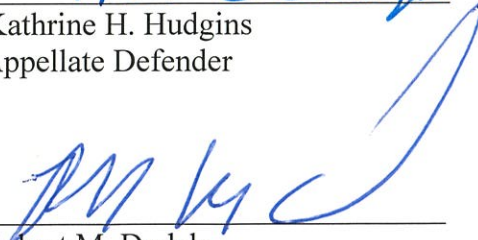
5. On June 26, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from July 5, 2024, until August 5, 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. 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.

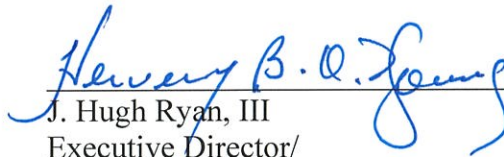
Respectfully submitted,



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This 5th day of July, 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 of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter 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 5th day of July, 2024.



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