

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Richland County
Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

WILLIAM RIVERS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001349

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

Counsel for William Rivers respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 12, 2024, until September 11, 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 William Rivers 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.

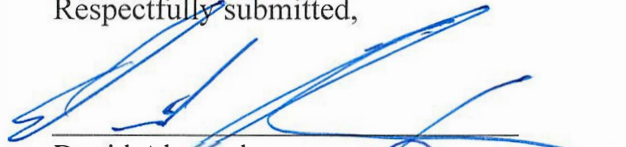
3. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Jason Black with this Court on July 31, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of In the Matter of James G. Younger with this Court on July 18, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Xavier Polite with this Court on July 17, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Phillip Lawson with this Court on July 3, 2024. Counsel was a speaker at the Case Law Update CLE on June 21, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Alonza Marable with this Court on June 21, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Tommy Long with this Court on June 3, 2024. Counsel presented oral argument in the case of The State v. Ricky Bernard Brown before this Court on June 3, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Carlos A. Cesmas-Gomez with this Court on May 29, 2024. Counsel presented oral argument in the case of In the Matter of Ronald Gregg in the Supreme Court on May 22, 2024.

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 July 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 August 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 12, 2024, until September 11, 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.

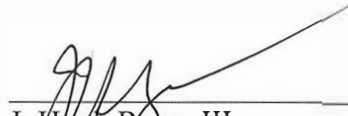
Respectfully submitted,



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This 12th day of August, 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 12th day of August, 2024.



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Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT