

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-000128
Case No. 2017-CP-11-00801

Thomas Anthony Styla,

Respondent-Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Petitioner-Respondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE RETURN
OF RESPONDENT-PETITIONER TO STATE'S
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

COMES NOW, Jack B. Swerling, attorney for the Respondent-Petitioner, Thomas Anthony Styla, requesting an extension to file the return of the Respondent-Petitioner to the petition for writ of certiorari filed by the State as Petitioner-Respondent. Counsel previously requested a thirty-day extension of the deadline for the return, and the Court granted the extension to September 4, 2024. Counsel respectfully requests an additional extension of thirty days to file the return to the State's petition for writ of certiorari, to October 4, 2024.

Over the past several months, counsel has been dealing with staffing issues at his office, due to the departures of two long-time assistants, and has also had several periods out of the office due to health issues, while his workload has continued at its usual pace. Due to his workload and

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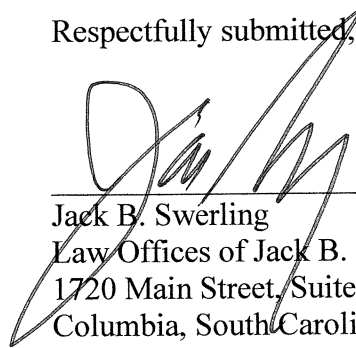
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the additional health and staffing issues, counsel will be unable to meet the current September 4 deadline for the return.

Good cause exists for the grant of a second extension, and the requirement of the Court's order of March 18, 2009, regarding extensions in PCR proceedings is met. This extension request is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay, but for good cause due to counsel's current workload, staffing issues, and recent health issues.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension of time to serve and file the Respondent-Petitioner's return to the State's petition for writ of certiorari, to October 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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