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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County
Alex Kinlaw, Circuit Court Judge

STEVE LESTER,

APPELLANT,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2023-001900

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

Counsel for Steve Lester respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from September 20, 2024, until October 21, 2024, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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 today.
2. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in The State v. Kadidas Gossett with the Court of Appeals on September 17, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial

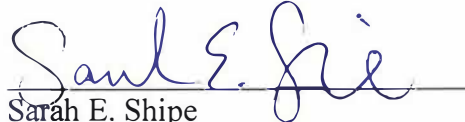
Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tony T. Sweet with the Court of Appeals on September 11, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Rodney Nesmith with the Court of Appeals on September 4, 2024. Counsel represented the appellant at his reconstruction hearing in The State v. Michael D. Williams before the circuit court on September 2, 2024. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Rehearing in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of James L. Williford with the Court of Appeals on August 23, 2024. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Maurice Anthony Odom v. State with the Supreme Court on August 22, 2024.

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.

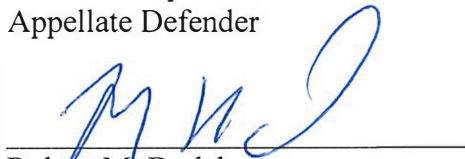
4. On August 30, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from September 20, 2024, until October 21, 2024. 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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Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender

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Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 20th day of September, 2024.

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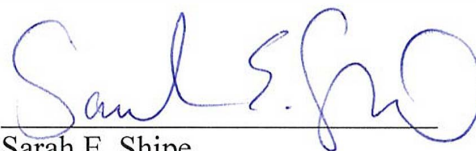
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 20th day of September, 2024.



Sarah E. Shipe
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Good Morning Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service in the above-referenced case the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, September 20, 2024, via email filing.

Thank you!

Sara McInnis

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