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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Clarendon County

Honorable Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge

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MICHAEL T. LAWYER,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000558

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND APPENDIX

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Counsel for Michael T. Lawyer respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from October 10, 2024, until November 11, 2024, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Michael T. Lawyer 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.

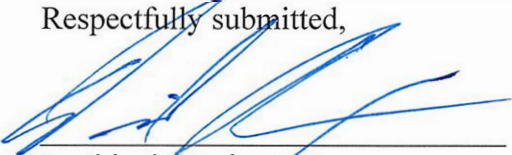
3. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Stacy Michelle Rabon with the Court of Appeals on September 30, 2024. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Walter Vaughn with the Court of Appeals on September 11, 2024. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. William Rivers with the Court of Appeals on September 11, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Dameun Sanders with the Court of Appeals on August 27, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Jason Bell with the Court of Appeals on August 12, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Jason Black with the Court of Appeals on July 31, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of In the Matter of James G. Younger with the Court of Appeals on July 18, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Xavier Polite with the Court of Appeals 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 the Court of Appeals on July 3, 2024.

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

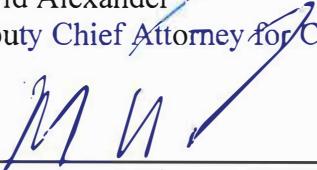
5. On September 30, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from October 10, 2024, until November 11, 2024, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.