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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Greenville County

Alex Kinlaw, Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STEVE LESTER,

APPELLANT

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 **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 21, 2024 until November 20, 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 Steve Lester respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel attended the annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference from October 14-16, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Kweisi Nicks with this Court on October 4, 2024. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Bradley Corlew before this Court on September 24, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Kadidas R. Gossett with this Court 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 this Court 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 this Court on September 4, 2024. Counsel appeared on behalf of appellant at the Reconstruction Hearing in the case of The State v. Michael D. Williams 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 this Court on August 23, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Maurice Anthony Odom v. State with the Supreme Court on August 22, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of William Craig Caughman v. State with the Supreme Court on August 16, 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.

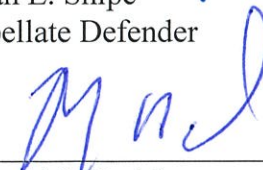
5. On September 29, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 21, 2024 until November 20, 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.

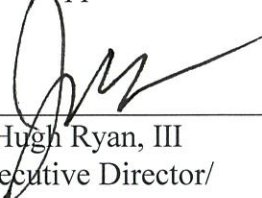
Respectfully submitted,



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This 21st day of October, 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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of October, 2024.



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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Fourth Motion for Extension which will be filed today, October 21, 2024, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

Kaylynn Warren

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