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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from York County  
Honorable Daniel D. Hall, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MICHAEL DAVID MORGAN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000152

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

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Counsel for Michael David Morgan, respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from December 16, 2024, until January 15, 2025**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. 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 on December 16, 2024.
2. Counsel for Michael David Morgan respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jontez M. Ward v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 11, 2024. Counsel

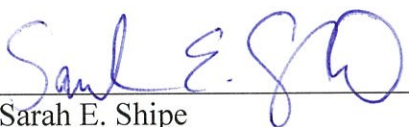
filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Michael J. Smith with the Court of Appeals on December 9, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the Brief of Petitioner Pursuant to *White v. State*, and the Appendix in the case of Matthew L. Jackson v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 3, 2024. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Dante Zachius Wheeler v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 20, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Steve Lester with the Court of Appeals on November 20, 2024. Counsel filed the Reply to Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Ben Robert Stewart v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 14, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Brian Foster v. The State with the Court of Appeals on November 14, 2024. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of James L. Williford with the Supreme Court on November 5, 2024. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Felicia Danielle Turnage with the Court of Appeals on November 1, 2024. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Vincent Dwight with the Court of Appeals on October 30, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Wayne Hankinson v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 28, 2024. Counsel filed the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance Pending Receipt of Transcript in the case of The State v. Tashan Antoine Carson with the Court of Appeals on October 28, 2024. Counsel attended the annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference from October 14-16, 2024.

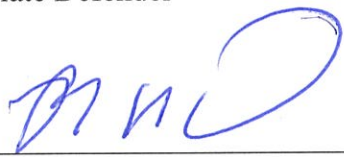
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

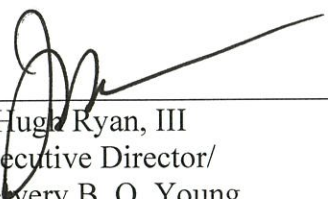
5. On November 27, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through December 31, 2024.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from December 16, 2024, until January 15, 2025**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. 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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This 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

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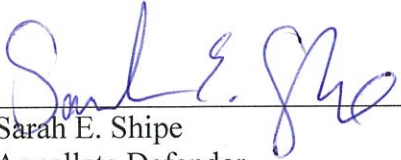
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the motion for extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
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Sarah E. Shipe  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT