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December 27, 2024

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *The State vs. Nathaniel Rowland*
Appellate Case No. 2024-001771

Dear Ms. Howard:

The captioned case is a murder direct appeal on petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals to review their opinion affirming the conviction. It is subject to the 20-day order regarding extensions for returns. The return is due today, the Court having previously granted a 20-day extension. I am respectfully requesting a very short extension until December 31, 2024, for these reasons: While working diligently, I have been also aiding in an expected response to an original jurisdiction writ in a capital matter to be filed next week, and completed today a return in another capital case, while also attempting over the last few weeks to address extensions generally to reduce the overall number. Additionally, understanding the intent to shorten the time for filing, I am only requesting an extension of 2 business days which should not significantly delay this matter overall. I will continue to work diligently to complete the return. For these reasons, I respectfully request an extension until December 31, 2024, to file the return in this matter.

It is my understanding that counsel consents pursuant to the general agreement between our agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

s/ Melody J. Brown

Melody J. Brown

Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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cc: Lara Caudy, Esq. (via email only)