

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND
TREATMENT OF CHRISTOPHER TAFT,

APPELLANT

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

Counsel for Christopher Taft respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals 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 final request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Mr. Taft 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. On May 29, 2012, counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of State v. Randall Price, the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Marty McKinsey v. State, and the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Rashawn

Murphy. On May 24, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and appendix in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Gilbert Gonzalez and the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Herbert Matthews v. State. On May 23, 2012, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Jeffrey Wesley in this Court. On May 16, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. John Mack. On May 14, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Dewayne Littles v. State. On May 8, 2012, counsel had oral argument in the cases of State v. Christopher Manning and State v. Christopher Broadnax in this Court. On May 4, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Demetrius Goodwin. On May 3, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the cases of Mark Brown v. State and Tarren Richburg v. State. On April 30, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Charles Mixon v. State. On April 25, 2012, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Bennie Mitchell in this Court. On April 23, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Phillip Byrd v. State. On April 18, 2012, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. K.C. Langord and Bryan Phillips in the Supreme Court. On April 13, 2012, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Marques Hudson and the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and appendix in the case of State v. Tarus Henry. On April 12, 2012, counsel filed the Motion to Remand for Reconstruction of the Record in the case of State v. Dameon Myers, the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Dominic Legette, and the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Antwan Jones v. State. On April 10, 2012, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Kevin Hardy in this Court. On April 6, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Trey Williams. On April 4, 2012, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Jeffery Evans, the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Janice Clasby v. State and the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Joel Robinson.

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. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request as shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension, in which to 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 4th day of June, 2012

I Consent:

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