

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Lexington County

Honorable Edward W. Miller, Circuit Court Judge

JOSHUA WARREN HOPKINS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-000790

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

Counsel for Joshua Warren Hopkins respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from January 3, 2025, until February 3, 2025**, 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 third 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 Joshua Warren Hopkins respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

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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.

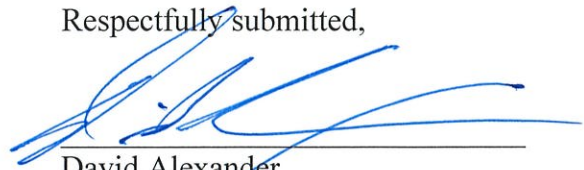
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Bobby Jones v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 23, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of In the Matter of Wiley L. Chapman with the Court of Appeals on December 12, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief in the case of The State v. Dana Andrew Butler, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on December 12, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Michael T. Lawyer v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 5, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief in the case of The State v. Towodi Tecumseh Shequoyah with the Court of Appeals on November 18, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Jake Antonio Wilson v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 7, 2024. Counsel had an oral argument in State v. Rashawn Vertez Carter before the Supreme Court on October 30, 2024. Counsel attended in person the PCR hearing for Tyshun Bessilieu held in Georgetown on October 28, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Supplemental Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Arkevus Jimon Cauthen with the Court of Appeals on October 21, 2024. From October 14-16, 2024, Counsel attended the annual Public Defender's Conference in Myrtle Beach.

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

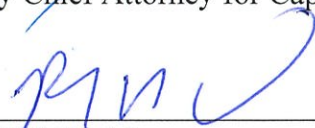
5. On December 31, 2024, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from January 3, 2025, until February 3, 2025**, 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 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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Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 3rd day of January, 2025.