

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Colleton County

Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

LESLIE TWYMAN,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001271

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

Counsel for Leslie Twyman respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from January 21, 2025 until February 20, 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 second 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 Leslie Twyman respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances

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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. Counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Kierin Marcellus Dennis with the Supreme Court on Friday, January 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Kenneth Lewis with this Court on January 13, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Anthony Nicholas Argoe with this Court on December 30, 2024. *Counsel was hospitalized and out of the office from December 13-16, 2024, and counsel was out of the office for the rest of week of December 16-20, 2024, with the exception of coming into to office to conduct two interviews.* Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Cynethia Kathleen Morton with this Court on December 13, 2024. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Yunique Demesa Weathers with this Court on December 4, 2024. Counsel was a presenter for two sections of the Public Defense 101 Trial Skills Workshop hosted by the South Carolina Indigent Defense Academy on November 25, 2024 in Columbia, South Carolina. Counsel was a presenter at the What Trial Lawyers should know about Appeals CLE on November 22, 2024 in Columbia, South Carolina. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jalann Williams v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 22, 2024. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Xavier Holbrooks with this Court on November 20, 2024. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Donovan

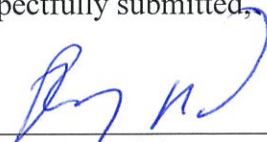
Tirell Brannon before this Court on November 14, 2024. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including attempting to hire two new Appellate Defenders, and an administrative assistant, while carrying a full caseload.**

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 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from January 21, 2025 until February 20, 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 serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 21st day of January, 2025.