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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM THE CLARENDON COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

THE HONORABLE R. KIRK GRIFFIN, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001439

In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael Terrance Lawyer, Appellant

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

Kindle K. Johnson, the undersigned counsel for Appellant Michael Terrance Lawyer, hereby moves the Court for an extension to file an initial appellant brief and designation of matter in this case. She submits the following, which she believes to be extraordinary and compelling circumstances, in support of her motion:

1. Kindle K. Johnson was appointed to represent Appellant in his underlying case, which resulted in Appellant being adjudicated a sexually violent predator, and is now the subject of this appeal.
2. As part of her continued representation of Appellant, Attorney Johnson requested the trial transcript in this matter. She received an electronic copy of the same on January 2, 2024.
3. In late December, Attorney Johnson's immediate family member underwent major surgery, requiring her sole caregiving for several weeks. During the same time, Attorney Johnson was

required to complete two other appeals that are due within the next ten days. Because of the recent demands, more time is need to complete the initial brief in this case.

Attorney Johnson believes that the above constitute extraordinary and compelling circumstances. Accordingly, she respectfully requests an extension to file the initial appellant brief and designation of matter in this case. This request is made in the interest of justice.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby asserts she has served a copy of the *Motion for Extension* on the below-listed parties at their stated email addresses (or postal addresses if specifically indicated below), by attaching a copy of the same on February 1, 2025, addressed as follows:

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