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In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

SC Court of Appeals

The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Case No.: 2024-001088

The School of Hope Christian
Academy, Jacqueline McKie
Burden, and Eugene Burden,
Sr., APPELLANTS,

vs.

South Carolina Department of
Social Services,
RESPONDENTS.

THIRD MOTION REQUESTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Appellants, through the undersigned counsel, hereby move the Court for a thirty (30) day extension of time to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. The Initial Brief is currently due on February 13, 2025. This Court granted Appellants' second requested extension by Order dated January 27, 2025.

The undersigned counsel submits that his trial schedule since January 27th has included a week-long Murder trial in Guilford County, North Carolina Superior Court on an appointed case. Counsel is now preparing for a Drug Possession and Habitual Felon trial set to begin on the week of February 17th. Counsel is seeking a full thirty-day extension to get beyond a Murder trial that he is scheduled for during the week of March 10, 2025 in Fairfield County, South Carolina General Sessions Court. The undersigned is handling numerous appointed criminal cases in Guilford County Superior Court due to a shortage of attorneys on the high-level felony list (Murder, Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, etc.). Therefore, counsel for Appellants seeks an extension until March 17, 2025, to file the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter.

The undersigned communicated with opposing counsel Traywick today; Attorney Traywick indicated that he has no objection to the requested extension.

Respectfully submitted,
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