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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Colleton County

Honorable , Circuit Court Judge

LESLIE TWYMAN,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001271

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

Counsel for Leslie Twyman respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from February 20, 2025 until March 24, 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 Leslie Twyman 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.

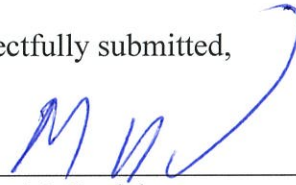
3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Craig Lee Legette with the Court of Appeals on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. Counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Bowen Gray Turner with the Court of Appeals on January 23, 2025. 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 this 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 the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Anthony Nicholas Argoe with the Court of Appeals 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 the Court of Appeals 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 the Court of Appeals on December 4, 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 January 31, 2025, 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 February 28, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from February 20, 2025 until March 24, 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 20th day of February, 2025.