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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Colleton County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

KELVIN GANTT,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001339

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

Counsel for Kelvin Gantt respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until April 4, 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 Kelvin Gantt 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.


3. Counsel filed the brief of appellant, designation of matter and supplemental record on appeal in the case of The State v. Mack Gaines with the Court of Appeals on February 26, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Vernon Cooley with the Court of Appeals on February 25, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Andre Junior Covington with the Court of Appeals on February 13, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Brandon Wilson v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 11, 2025. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Jason Allen Larson v. The State before the Court of Appeals on February 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Earl Valentine with the Court of Appeals on February 3, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tyshawn Cornelius Robinson with the Court of Appeals on January 15, 2025. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant on appeal in the case of The State v. Don Brown with the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Dontarious Wright v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2025.

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

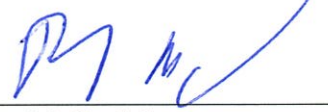
5. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by email from Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka dated February 28, 2025 for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until April 4, 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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This 5th day of March, 2025.