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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Charleston County

Honorable William C. McMaster, III, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

COURTNEY CHARLES CORDAE RICHARDS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001274

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Courtney Charles Cordae Richards respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from March 10, 2025, until April 9, 2025, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel will be filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying Appendix in the case of In the Matter of Wiley L. Chapman with the Supreme Court

today, March 10, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Nicholas John Caputo with the Court of Appeals on March 5, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Alvaro Seleste McBride with the Court of Appeals on February 28, 2025. Counsel filed the Motion for a New Trial in the case of The State v. James Owens with the Court of Appeals on February 25, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Richard Leroy Anderson with the Court of Appeals on February 12, 2025. Counsel attended in person the reconstruction hearing for James Owens held in Sumter on February 10, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Joshua Warren Hopkins v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 3, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Clifton Curtis Boozer v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 21, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Bobby Jones v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 23, 2024. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of In the Matter of Wiley L. Chapman with the Court of Appeals on December 12, 2024.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On March 3, 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 March 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from March 10, 2025, until April 9, 2025. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Deputy Chief Attorney for Capital Appeals



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 10th day of March, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 10th day of March, 2025.



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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service the 3rd Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for Courtney Charles Richards' appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

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