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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County

Honorable William C. McMaster, III, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

COURTNEY CHARLES CORDAE RICHARDS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001274

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

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Counsel for Courtney Charles Cordae Richards respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 9, 2025, until May 9, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Courtney Charles Cordae Richards 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. Timothy P. Spencer with the Court of Appeals on April 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief and Record on Appeal in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Benjamin Heyward with the Court of Appeals on April 3, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Joey Corvell Reid with the Supreme Court on March 21, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Samuel Jolly v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 20, 2025. Counsel filed 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 on 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.

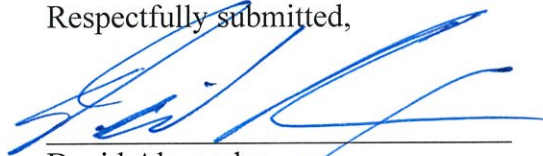
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be

requested.

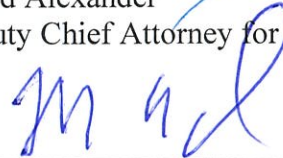
5. On March 31, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 9, 2025, until May 9, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

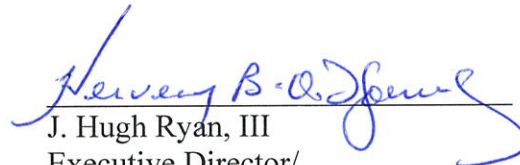
Respectfully submitted,



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This 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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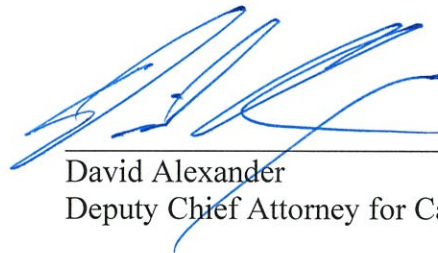
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.



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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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