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RE: Jason Loy Harn v Mary Nicole Reavis f/k/a Mary Nicole Harn
Case No. 2021-CP-10-2661
Appellate Case No. 2024-001312

Madam Clerk:

Enclose please find for filing:

- 1) Appellant's Motion to File Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter out of time;
- 2) a Certificate of Service for the Motion; and
- 3) a check for the motion fee.

I kindly request that you file the same.

With kind regards,

RESPECTUFLLY SUBMITTED,

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Jason Loy Harn.....Respondent,

v.

Mary Nicole Reavis f/k/a Mary Nicole Harn.....Appellant.

**APPELLANT’S MOTION FOR LEAVE
TO FILE APPELLANT’S INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER
OUT OF TIME**

Appellants Mary Nicole Reavis (“Appellant”) by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby moves before this Court for an order permitting Appellant to file her Initial Brief and Designation of Matter out of time. Appellants moves pursuant to Rules 2010, 240, 260 and 263 SCACR. The grounds for the motion are as follows:

“The time prescribed by [the Appellate Court Rules] for performing any act except the time for serving the notice of appeal under Rules 203 and 243 may be extended or shortened by the appellate court, or by any judge or justice thereof.” Rule 263, SCACR. “Within thirty (30) days after service of the last brief, the appellant shall serve a copy of the Record on Appeal on each party who has served a brief. Proof of service of the Record shall be immediately filed with the

clerk of the appellate court.” Rule 210, SCACR. “Whenever it appears that an appellant or a petitioner has failed to comply with the requirements of these Rules, the clerk shall issue an order of dismissal, which shall have the same force and effect as an order of the appellate court. A case shall not be reinstated except by leave of the court, upon good cause shown...” Rule 260, SCACR. “When by these rules or by notice given thereunder or by order of court an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the time may be extended by...the court for cause shown may at any time in its discretion (1) with or without written motion or notice order the period enlarged if request therefor is made before the expiration of the period as originally prescribed or extended or (2) upon motion made after the expiration of the specified period, for good cause shown, permit the act to be done.” Rule 6(b), SCRCP. “This [Rule] authorizes the court to permit an act to be done after the expiration of time upon a showing of good cause. This is the standard applied by courts in practice and is found in Rule 55(c) for relief from entry of default.” Note to 1986 Amendment of Rule 6(b) SCRCP.

“Rule 55(c) permits a party to move to set aside the entry of default. The standard for granting relief from an entry of default under Rule 55(c) is mere "good cause." Rule 55(c), SCRCP. This standard requires a party seeking relief from an entry of default under Rule 55(c) to provide an explanation for the default and give reasons why vacation of the default entry would serve the interests of justice. Once a party has put forth a satisfactory explanation for the default, the trial court must also consider: (1) the timing of the motion for relief; (2) whether the defendant has a meritorious defense; and (3) the degree of prejudice to the plaintiff if relief is granted. The trial court need not make specific findings of fact for each factor if there is sufficient evidentiary support on the record for the finding of the lack of good cause. A motion under Rule 55(c) is addressed to the sound discretion of the trial court. *Sundown Operating Company, Inc. v. Intedger Industries,*

Inc., 383 S.C. 601, 607-608, 681 S.E.2d 885 (2009) (Citations Omitted). In this Case Respondent filed his initial Brief on March 10, 2025. Appellant served the Record on Appeal on Respondent on May 12, 2025, as well as filing a certificate of service with the Court on the same date. Appellant's counsel further attests that Appellant is currently undertaking to have paper copies of the Record and Appellant's Final Brief bound and will file them both with the court promptly upon completion. At the outset, the undersigned counsel states the delay in filing Appellant's initial brief and designation of matter is not the fault of Appellant, but solely the fault of Appellant's undersigned counsel.

Appellant would respectfully assert, as noted above the lower court issued an order requiring appellant to post a bond during the pendency this appeal only in October and this appeal has not experienced protracted delays at this time. Appellant affirmatively believes she has a likelihood to prevail upon the merits of her appeal as set forth in detail in her initial brief. Appellant would assert, given the time period involved and the fact a bond is already in place to protect Respondent from potential waste during the pendency of the appeal, that Respondent will not be prejudiced if this Court were to grant this Motion.

Therefore, the undersigned counsel for Appellant, for the reasons stated herein above and good cause shown respectfully requests this Court Grant Appellant's Motion to Serve the Record on Appeal Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter out of Time and accept Appellant's untimely filed initial brief and designation of matter, rather than dismissing Appellant's appeal.

[SIGNATURE BLOCK TO FOLLOW]

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 12th day of May 2025, I have served Appellant’s Motion to Serve the Record on Appeal out of Time upon all other counsel of record at the email address listed for said counsel on AIS as follows:

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