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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Chester County

J. Ernest Kinard, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

KEVIN EUGENE LAWS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2013-000446

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension until November 18, 2013**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel is currently working on a death penalty case in Marion Bowman v. State, in which the appendix is over **10,000** pages and which is due on its final extension October 18, 2013. On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Supreme Court in the case of State v. Robert Watkins. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of

appellant in the case of State v. Edward M. Dunn in this Court on Friday, September 27, 2013. Counsel attended the Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on September 23rd, 24th, and 25th of 2013. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the Supreme Court in Richard Sims v. State on Friday, September 20, 2013. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Harry Anthony in this Court on Tuesday, September 10, 2013. Also on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of James Watson v. State in the Supreme Court. Counsel filed the reply to the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court in Brenda Gail Cutro v. State on September 3, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in this Court in State v. Darren Scott on August 29, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Travis Parker v. State in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, August 27, 2013. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in State v. Jeff Chestnut in this Court on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Counsel filed the initial reply brief in the case of State v. Steven Kranendonk in this Court on Monday, August 19, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Robert Brown v. State in the Supreme Court on Friday, August 16, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Darrell Brown v. State in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Lord Byron Slater v. State in the Supreme Court on Monday, August 5, 2013. Also on Monday, August 5, 2013 counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in State v. Charles Anderson in this Court.

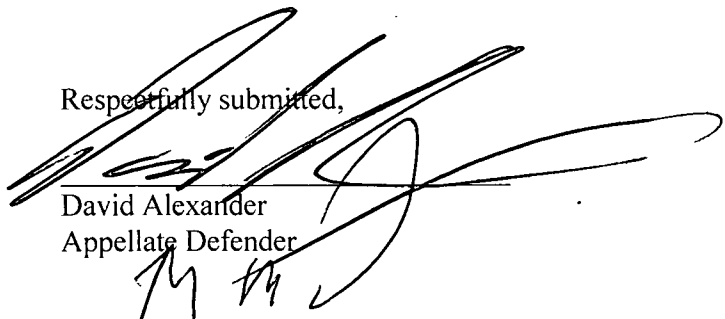
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will

hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

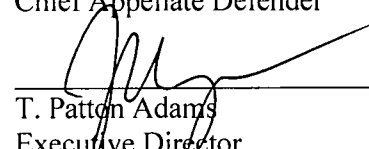
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until November 18, 2013**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



David Alexander
Appellate Defender

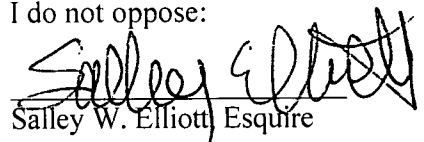
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General Counsel

October 16, 2013

I do not oppose:



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