

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Laurens County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

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WILLIE RUTH BYRD,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000130

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

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Counsel for Willie Ruth Byrd respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying 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 second 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 Willie Ruth Byrd respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of

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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 initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jeffrey Michael George with the Court of Appeals on May 30, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Stephen J. Green with the Court of Appeals on May 22, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Willie M. Williams v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 14, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Carlos Ruiz v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 1, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Andre Covington v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 24, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Timothy Newman v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 11, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Melanie McClain with the Court of Appeals on April 8, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Vernon Cooley v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kelvin Gantt v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 25, 2025.

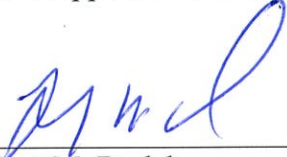
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

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 May 30, 2025 for all Appellate Defense extensions through June 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.