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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Chester County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

JAMES JEFFREY BOATWRIGHT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-002039

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

Counsel for James Jeffrey Boatwright respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from August 8, 2025 until September 8, 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. On August 1, 2025, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Artrell Hickson v. The State with the Supreme Court. On July 28,


2025, counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in The State v. Lorenzo Boles with the Court of Appeals. On July 23, 2025, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Alexander Reid v. The State with the Supreme Court. On July 11, 2025, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Kashawn Shell v. The State with the Supreme Court. On June 27, 2025, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Joshua William Porch v. The State with the Supreme Court. On June 27, 2025, counsel, along with co-counsel, filed the brief of respondent in The State v. Kierin Dennis with the Supreme 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.

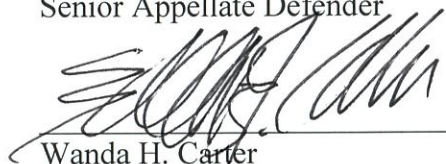
4. On July 29, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through August 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from August 8, 2025 until September 8, 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,



Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Interim Chief Appellate Defender

This 8th day of August, 2025.

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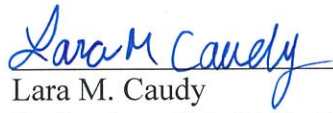
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 8th day of August, 2025.


Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender

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Good Morning Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, August 8, 2025, via email filing.

Respectfully,

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