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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County  
The 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 THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a THIRD thirty (30) day extension in which to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. Counsel for Appellant has graciously consented to extension requests through August 31, 2025. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following circumstances:

Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is due to be filed today, Wednesday, August 27, 2025. The undersigned attorney has had a number of state, and federal matters to attend to since July 28, 2025. Specifically:

1. Counsel filed the Respondent's Response to Motion for Sanctions [ECF #67] in the matter of Theodore J. Bolick, a/k/a Theodore Jerry Bolick vs. Donnie Stonebreaker, C/A No. 5:24-7662-MGL-KDW on August 4, 2025;
2. Counsel filed the Respondent's Response to Motion for Temporary Restraining Order [ECF #34] in the matter of Ben Robert Stewart vs. Warden of Tyger River Correctional Institution, C/A No. 1:25-2909-JFA-SVH on August 6, 2025;

3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Respondent in the matter of The State v. Stephen Q. Polite, Appellate Case No. 2024-000692, a Beaufort County direct appeal matter now pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals on August 7, 2025;
4. Counsel filed the Respondent's Response to Motion to Appoint Counsel [ECF #35] in the matter of Ben Robert Stewart vs. Warden of Tyger River Correctional Institution, C/A No. 1:25-2909-JFA-SVH on August 11, 2025;
5. Counsel filed the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of Anthony M. Hudson, #381313 vs. Warden Tonya James, C/A No. 4:25-02575-JFA-TER on August 11, 2025;
6. Counsel filed Respondent's Brief in the matter of The State vs. John Joseph Erb, Appellate Case No. 2024-001518, a Charleston County matter now pending before the South Carolina Supreme Court on August 11, 2025;
7. Counsel filed the Respondent's Response to Motion to Amend [ECF #36] in the matter of Ben Robert Stewart vs. Warden of Tyger River Correctional Institution, C/A No. 1:25-2909-JFA-SVH on August 18, 2025;
8. Counsel is currently preparing the Return and Memorandum of Law in Support of Motion for Summary Judgment in the matter of Ben Robert Stewart vs. Warden of Tyger River Correctional Institution, C/A No. 1:25-2909-JFA-SVH; and
9. Counsel has been involved in working **on other matters in state and federal court.**

WHEREFORE, for the following circumstances, counsel respectfully requests a THIRD thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. This request is made in good faith, and not for the purposes of delay. This extension will make Respondent's Initial Brief due on September 26, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I support the finding of good cause.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I, **R. Brandon Larrabee**, of counsel for the Respondent, hereby certify that pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and the Supreme Court Order of April 24, 2024, the Third Extension of Time to File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter has been forwarded to Appellant's counsel, David Alexander, Esq., via email today, August 27, 2025 to [dalexander@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:dalexander@sccid.sc.gov) and to his assistant at [gtimberlake@sccid.sc.gov](mailto:gtimberlake@sccid.sc.gov).

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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