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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Charleston County

Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

MARK LORENZO BLAKE, JR.,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000420

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

Counsel for Mark Lorenzo Blake respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from September 19, 2025 until October 20, 2025**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and 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 third 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 Mark Lorenzo Blake respectfully submits that extraordinary

circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

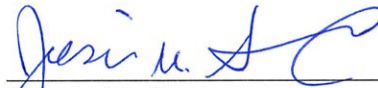
3. Counsel will file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Terry Shaimek Tyler with this Court today, September 19, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Alan G. Nix with the Court of Appeals on September 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Rehearing in the case of Holly Jo Thompson v. The State with this Court on September 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Keldrekus T. Oglesby v. The State with this Court on September 12, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari, the Brief of Petitioner pursuant to *White v. State*, and the Appendix in the case of Euzema Maurice Austin v. The State with this Court on September 8, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Donnell L. Washington v. The State with this Court on September 5, 2025. Counsel filed the Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Michael Lindsay Faile with the Court of Appeals on September 2, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Jonathan Keith Bass with the Court of Appeals on August 29, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Michael Valdario with the Court of Appeals on August 15, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps with this Court on August 7, 2025.

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

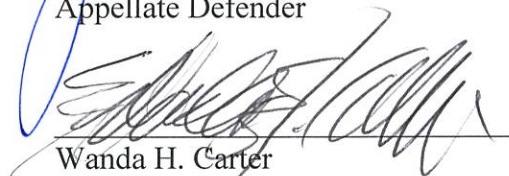
5. On August 27, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from September 19, 2025 until October 20, 2025**, 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 19th day of September, 2025.