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**SC Court of Appeals**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM HAMPTON COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2025-001849

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Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth & Detrick, P.A., ..... Respondent,

v.

William Barnes and Barnes Law Firm, LLC, ..... Appellants,

v.

Parker Law Group, ..... Third-Party Defendant.

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**MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AND SERVE RETURN  
TO APPELLANTS' MOTION TO CERTIFY CASE AND TRANSFER FROM  
THE COURT OF APPEALS**

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Respondent Peters, Murdaugh, Parker, Eltzroth & Detrick, P.A., pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, moves for an extension of twenty (20) days' time to file and serve its return to Appellants William Barnes and Barnes Law Firm, LLC's motion to certify case and transfer from the Court of Appeals.

Presently, in accordance with Rule 240(e), the deadline for Respondent's initial return is September 22, 2025. On account of work-related and other time commitments, Respondent respectfully requests this deadline be extended by 20

days. Respondent believes this relief is consistent with the interests of justice and will not work any undue prejudice upon Appellants.

WHEREFORE, Respondent moves this Honorable Court to grant it an additional extension of 20 days' time to file and serve its return. With the extension requested herein, the new deadline for filing and serving the return would be October 12, 2025, according to the undersigned's calculations. Further, Respondent respectfully requests the Court hold the present deadline in abeyance until it acts upon this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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