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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2020-CP-42-00055

Appellate Case No. 2024-001239

Dr. Lad Santiago,

Appellant.

v.

Stephen N. Garcia, as Attorney for

Oscar Avila Hernandez, et.al.,

Respondents.

**APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE FINAL BRIEF**

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NOW COMES Appellant, Dr. Lad Santiago, and brings this Appellant's Motion For Extension of Time to File the Final Brief. Appellant Dr. Lad Santiago, pursuant to Rule 263 of the South Carolina Rules of Appellate Procedure, respectfully requests and moves that this Honorable Court grant an extension of time to file his Final Brief.

The Appellant has complied with filing the Record on Appeal, which was mailed via the US Postal Service on September 24, 2025, to The South Carolina Court of Appeals. A letter with a copy of the USPS receipt was filed with The Court today, September 25, 2025 as proof of this fact.

The Appellant continues to endure long-lasting, unexpected and extraordinary complications in his health that have directly caused his inability to comply with the current time deadline imposed by the Court for the Final Brief which is due today, September 25, 2025. His current health issues directly impact his time and energy, and as such, it necessitates a greater length of time for him to complete a given task.

For the foregoing reasons, the Appellant respectfully requests of this Honorable Court this extension of time in order to prepare his Final Brief. This extension would set the deadline to no sooner than October 25, 2025. The Appellant prays for the indulgence of the Court in this request. Please note that a \$50.00 check will be mailed hereafter for this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dr. Lad Santiago

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Dated September 25, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 25th day of September 2025, he served counsel for the Defendants with a copy of the Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time To File the Final Brief in this case by mailing a copy of the same by the United States Mail with postage prepaid to the following address:

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**LETTER TO THE APPELLATE COURT CLERK FILING NOTICE
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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk,
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RE: Dr. Lad Santiago, Appellant v. Oscar Avila Hernandez, et.al., Respondents
Appellate Case No. 2024-001239

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is Appellant's Motion For Extension of Time to file the Final Brief in the above case. Also enclosed is the following:

Proof of service of Appellant's Motion For Extension of Time to file the Final Brief served upon the Respondents.

Please note that a \$50.00 check will be mailed hereafter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Dr. Lad Santiago

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