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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Lancaster County

Patrick Cleburne Fant, III, Circuit Court Judge

JOHN M. GHENT, JR.,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000932

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

Counsel for Petitioner respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days 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 second 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 Petitioner 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.

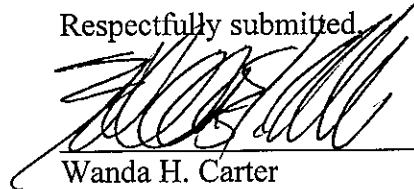
3. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of State v. Shanekia R. Garvin with the Supreme Court on October 2, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Philip W. Walker v. State with the Supreme Court on September 26, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Jeffrey Sanders with the Supreme Court on September 19, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Terrance Abrams with the Court of Appeals on September 24, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Michael D. Corbitt with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on September 19, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Demetrice R. James v. State with the Supreme Court on September 19, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and in the case of Ronvarus Henderson v. State with the Supreme Court on September 18, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and in the case of Lawton Holloway v. State with the Court of Appeals on September 18, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Matthew S. Young with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on September 12, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Londell Alston with the Court of Appeals on September 11, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Nicholas Gracely with the Court of Appeals on August 22, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Edward Baynard with the Court of Appeals on August 13, 2025.

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

5. On September 15, 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 October 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension, 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 serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wanda H. Carter', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wanda H. Carter
Interim Chief Appellate Defender

This 15th day of October, 2025.