

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RYAN O'NEIL WOODRUFF,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000101

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Ryan Woodruff respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from October 20, 2025 until November 19, 2025, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Ryan Woodruff 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

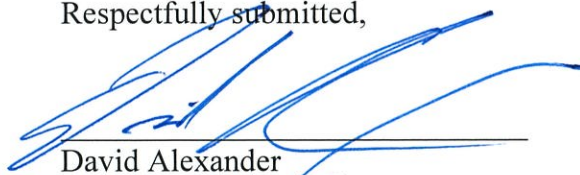
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the accompanying Appendix in the case of Jason Ervin Black v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 17, 2025. Counsel attended the mandatory Annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from October 6-8, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of John Green v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 3, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Demetrius Alexander Brown with the Court of Appeals on October 1, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Christova Pierre Knowlin with the Court of Appeals on September 30, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Shamar Latrell Stanley with the Court of Appeals on September 19, 2025. Counsel filed a Return to Motion to Appoint Outside Counsel in Gary Dubose Terry v. The State, a capital PCR, with the Supreme Court on September 11, 2025. Counsel spoke at the Summary Court Intensive Training on September 9, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Jason Ervin Black v. The State with the Court of Appeals on August 11, 2025. Counsel was a presenter at a CLE in Columbia on August 9, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Bobbie Jo Baynard with the Court of Appeals on July 30, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Wiley Chapman with the Supreme Court on July 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Marques Quantez Heath with the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2025.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

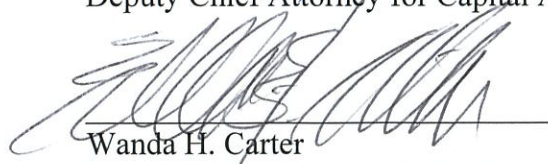
5. On September 25, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 31, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from October 20, 2025 until November 19, 2025, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

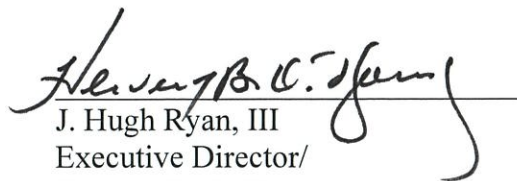
Respectfully submitted,



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This 20th day of October, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 20th day of October, 2025.



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2025-000101 - The State v. Ryan O. Woodruff - 4th Extension Request

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Ms. Brown,

Please find attached for service the 4th Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the matter of the above-referenced case.

Thank you.

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Very Respectfully,

Gage Timberlake

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