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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2020-CP-42-00055

Appellate Case No. 2024-001239

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Dr. Lad Santiago,

Appellant.

v.

Stephen N. Garcia, as Attorney for

Oscar Avila Hernandez, et.al.,

Respondents.

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

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Attorney for Respondents

**NOW COMES** Appellant, Dr. Lad Santiago, and brings this Appellant's Motion For Extension of Time to File the Final Brief and the Reply 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 and Reply 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. In addition, the Appellant has completed the revised references to his Initial Brief for the Record on Appeal, but the revised references pertaining to the Reply Brief have not yet been completed and therefore cannot be submitted at this time.

This Motion for Extension of Time is necessary, as the Appellant has had new health developments that have occurred since the last extension. This is representative of Appellant's continual endurance of 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 and Reply Brief which is due today, October 27, 2025. His current health issues continue to impact his energy, and as such, it requires a greater length of time for him to complete a given task.

For the foregoing reasons, the Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this extension of time in order for him to finalize his Final Brief and his Reply Brief. This extension would set the deadline to no sooner than November 26, 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 October 27, 2025

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, he served counsel for the Defendants with a copy of the Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time To File the Final Brief and the Reply Brief in this case by mailing a copy of the same by the United States Mail with postage prepaid to the following address:

Stephen N. Garcia, Esquire  
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**LETTER TO THE APPELLATE COURT CLERK FILING NOTICE  
APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
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October 27, 2025

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings Clerk,  
South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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 and the Reply 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 and the Reply 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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