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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
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Re: Thomas Rickerson vs. John Karl and Virginia Bell
Case: 2012-CP-26-3859

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing to respectfully request a 10 (ten) day extension of time in which to file the Appellant's Reply Brief. The attorney for the Respondents filed and served the Initial Brief of Respondent on October 23, 2013. My office received the Initial Brief on October 24, 2013 and the Reply Brief is due by November 3, 2013. I find it necessary to request this extension due to my wife's health. My wife suffers from post polio syndrome and has otherwise been in poor health including severely restricted mobility. She experienced a decline in her condition during the last couple of months, and on Friday October 25, 2013 she had two surgeries and she is still in the hospital and in critical condition. I am required to devote substantial attention to this matter during this time. This is our first request for an extension of time to serve and file the Reply Brief.

I am enclosing the \$25.00 filing fee and thank you for your consideration of this request. By copy of this letter, I am notifying the opposing counsel of this correspondence. If you have any questions, please let me know. With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

William Isaac Diggs

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Cc: Sheila M. Bias, Esquire

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