

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Bamberg County

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

LEON AMOS JASON JAMES,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000984

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

Counsel for Leon Amos Jason James respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying 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 Leon Amos Jason James 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 petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Davanta Johnson v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 5, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Ronzell Bilah Olds with the Court of Appeals on October 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Terrele Bailey with the Court of Appeals on October 21, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antrell Felder v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 17, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Ricorius Lee v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 17, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Nakia Johnson v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 15, 2025.


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

5. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General’s Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by email from Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka dated October 31, 2025 for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 30, 2025.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) 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 filing the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,


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This 19th day of November, 2025.