

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Laurens County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

STEPHEN TRASE FINCHER,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001249

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

Counsel for Stephen Trase Fincher 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 Stephen Trase Fincher respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

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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 reply to return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Shelly Faulling v. The State with the Supreme Court today, December 3, 2025. Counsel filed the reply brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State in the case of Shelly Faulling v. The State with the Supreme Court today, December 3, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jesse Broughton with the Court of Appeals on November 25, 2025. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Wiley L. Chapman before the Supreme Court on November 19, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Anthony Taylor with the Court of Appeals on October 30, 2025. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Travon Ragin with the Court of Appeals on October 10, 2025. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Matthew Moon with the Court of Appeals on October 3, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of John Kehborn v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 30, 2025. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Kereen Donyell Lee with the Court of Appeals on September 19, 2025. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Joseph Chappell v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 19, 2025.

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

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office has been informed of this request.

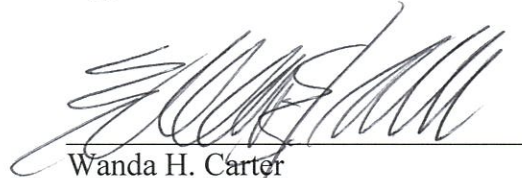
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case

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,

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Jordan Wayburn
Appellate Defender

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Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 3rd day of December, 2025.