

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Greenville County
G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN BLAUVELT,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000315

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from December 8, 2025, until January 7, 2026**, 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 appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

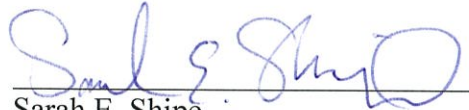
previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the 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 appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Gabriel Curry before the Court of Appeals on November 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Jason R. Franks v. State with the Court of Appeals on October 27, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of Eric Wells v. State with the Supreme Court on October 20, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Anthony N. Briggs v. State with the Court of Appeals on October 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Corey T. Busch with the Court of Appeals on October 14, 2025. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Theia D. McArdle v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 10, 2025. Counsel appeared before Judge R. Scott Sprouse in the Oconee County Court of General Sessions for a Reconstruction Hearing in the case of The State v. William D. Gunn on October 9, 2025. Counsel attended the annual South Carolina Public Defender Conference from October 6-8, 2025.

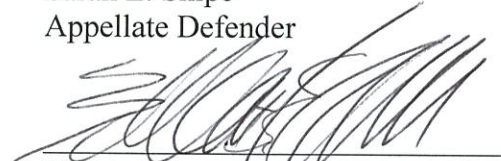
4. On November 26, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 5, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from December 8, 2025, until January 7, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

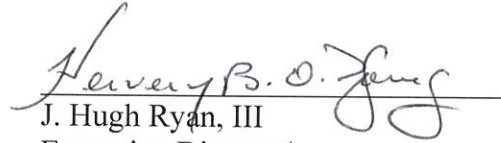
Respectfully submitted,



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender



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Deputy Director and General Counsel/
W. Lawrence Brown
Deputy General Counsel and Training Director

This 8th day of December, 2025.

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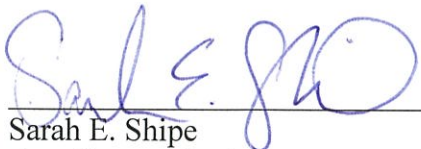
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 8th day of December, 2025.



Sarah E. Shipe
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

Leverett, Scott

From: Leverett, Scott
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a fourth extension in the above referenced case that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals.

-Scott Leverett
Admin. Asst. for Sarah Shipe
Appellate Defense

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