

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County

Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

SAMANTHA WATTS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001500

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

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Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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 today.
2. 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

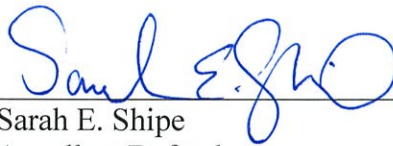
Appeals on November 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Jason R. Franks v. State with the Court of Appeals on October 27, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of Eric Wells v. State with the Supreme Court on October 20, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner 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.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that her caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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.

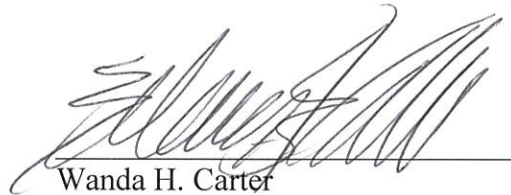
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sarah E. Shipe  
Appellate Defender



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Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 10th day of December, 2025.

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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 10th day of December, 2025.



Sarah E. Shipe  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

**Leverett, Scott**

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**From:** Leverett, Scott  
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Dear Ms. Brown,

Attached please find a third 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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