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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to Aiken County  
The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2025-000393

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Artrell Hickson,

Petitioner,

v.

State Of South Carolina,

Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE RETURN TO  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND MOTION TO FILE OUT OF TIME**

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COMES NOW, Respondent, by and through the undersigned counsel, making its motion to relax Rule 243(g), SCACR, and file Respondent's Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari out of time and Respondent's fourth extension request, and would show unto this Court<sup>1</sup>:

I.

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned matter was due to be filed and served on December 15, 2025. However, due to a calendaring error, the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari was not filed on the above-mentioned due date. Respondent, therefore, requests that the rules be relaxed to file a fourth thirty-day extension to prepare and

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<sup>1</sup> In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

submit the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. See Rule 263(b), SCACR ("The time prescribed by these Rules for performing any act except the time for serving the notice of appeal under Rule 203 and 243 may be extended or shortened by the appellate court, or by any judge or justice thereof."). Additionally, counsel is currently engaged in a term of court in the Second Circuit.

The undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this request has caused to the Court and Petitioner and does not believe this request will result in any prejudice to Petitioner should it be granted.

II.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully asks that this Court to relax the requirements of Rule 243(g), SCACR; permit Respondent to file a request for a fourth thirty-day extension out of time; grant Respondent's fourth extension request; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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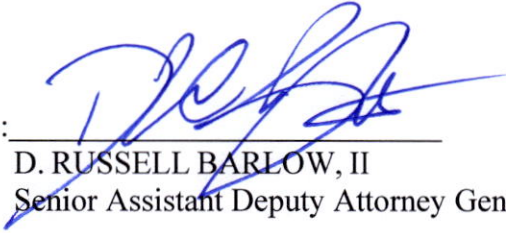
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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