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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Berkeley County

Honorable Walton J. McLeod, IV, Circuit Court Judge

GEORGE RILEY DREHER,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000557

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

Counsel for George Riley Dreher respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from December 19, 2025 until January 20, 2026** 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 third 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 George Riley Dreher 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.

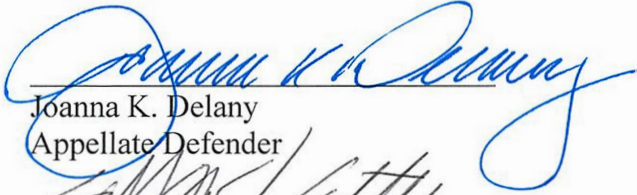
3. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Manly M. Thompson with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Amy Wright v. State with the Supreme Court on December 15, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Travontae Mitchell before the Court of Appeals on December 9, 2025. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Ronnie C. Swofford v. State with the Supreme Court on November 26, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Terry Gridine before the Supreme Court on November 18, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Genari McNeil before the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Marcus D. Batson with the Court of Appeals on October 23, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Shontrell L. Blyther with the Court of Appeals on October 22, 2025.

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

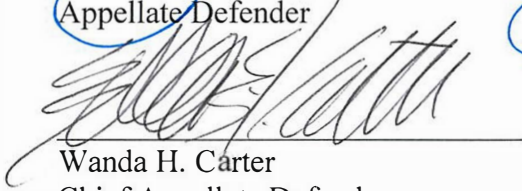
5. On November 26, 2025, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through January 5, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from December 19, 2025 until January 20, 2026** 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 December, 2025.