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APPEAL FROM BERKELEY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
Dale Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

SC Court of Appeals

Appellate Case No. 2025-000410

Sandra Carpenter-Lingle,

v.

Ami Carpenter.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE AND SERVE INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER OF
RESPONDENT**

I, the undersigned counsel for Respondent, Ami Carpenter, pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, hereby move for an extension of time (first extension) to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter for Inclusion in the Record on Appeal. I seek such leave on the basis Counsel's recent and ongoing trial schedules, general practice workload, and personal obligations have consumed significant time and resources, necessitating additional time to finalize Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter for Inclusion in the Record on Appeal. Furthermore, Counsel is in the process of requesting a copy of the transcript of the trial to appropriately respond to the Initial Brief filed by Appellant's counsel. Counsel respectfully requests leave for an extension to file and serve the aforementioned Initial Brief on or before February 6, 2026, said date representing thirty (30) days from the date of this filing (excluding the date of filing).

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to File and Serve Initial Brief and Designation of Matter of Respondent and the within Proof of Service on Sandra Carpenter-Lingle, via e-mail, on January 6, 2026, addressed to her attorney of record, Andrew T. Shepherd, andrew@sheplawfirm.com.

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Re: *Sandra Carpenter-Lingle v. Ami Carpenter*
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Dear Clerk:

Please, find enclosed herewith my firm's check in the amount of \$50.00 for the required filing fee for our Motion for Extension of Time to File and Serve Initial Brief and Designation of Matter for Respondent in the above-referenced matter. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter, and should you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

With kind regards, I remain

Very truly yours,
MANLEY & HALVERSTADT, L.L.C.

s/ *Matthew C. Halverstadt*

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Attorney at Law

Enclosure: as stated
cc: Andrew Sheppard, Esquire (w/o encl., via email only)
Mrs. Ami Carpenter (w/o encl., via email only)