

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Richland County

Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

COURTNEY S. THOMPSON,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001994

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

Counsel for Courtney Shante Thompson respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from January 7, 2026 until February 5, 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 second 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 Courtney Shante Thompson respectfully submits that extraordinary

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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 Writ of Certiorari, the Brief of Petitioner Pursuant to *White v. State*, and the Appendix in the case of Ezra Rysunn Williams v. The State with this Court on December 31, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Sammy Rowdy Parker with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Daniel Lee Fludd v. The State with the Court of Appeals on December 16, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Jerald Jermaine Howard v. The State with this Court on December 12, 2025. Counsel with co-counsel W. Chandler Norville filed the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Ri'Shon Keltarian Gilliam with the Court of Appeals on November 26, 2025. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Blaton W. Smith v. The State with this Court on November 24, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Reply Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Clifton Kimble with the Court of Appeals on November 20, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Mason Christopher Yarborough before the Court of Appeals on November 4, 2025.

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

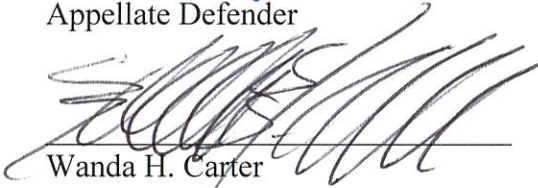
5. On January 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from January 7, 2026 until February 5, 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 serving and 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 7th day of January, 2026.