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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Fairfield County

Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MERCURY LAMONT WILLIAMSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001309

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

Counsel for Mercury L. Williamson respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from January 6, 2026 until February 5, 2026 in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Mercury L. Williamson 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.

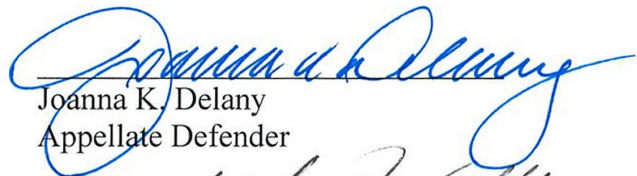
3. Counsel filed the *Anders* Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jacob R. Mims with the Court of Appeals today, January 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Manly M. Thompson with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel 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.

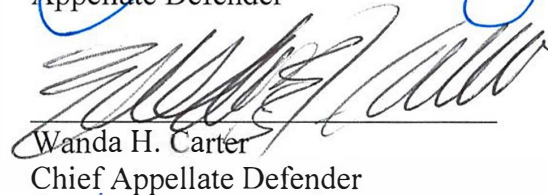
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

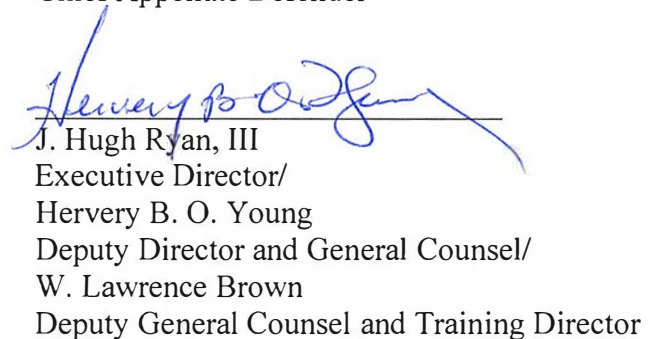
5. On January 2, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from January 6, 2026 until February 5, 2026 in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,


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This 6th day of January, 2026.

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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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 6th day of January, 2026.



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

From: [Mcinnis, Sara](#)
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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the fourth motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, January 6, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you!

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