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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lancaster County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JENNIFER BLAIR MCNAUGHTON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001041

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

Counsel for Jennifer McNaughton respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from February 5, 2026, until March 9, 2026, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of James Lee McCoy, II v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 23, 2026. Counsel

filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Corey T. Busch with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals on January 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Trampas Prater with the Court of Appeals on January 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Samantha Gwen Watts with the Court of Appeals on January 9, 2026. Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. John Blauvelt with the Court of Appeals on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the Record on Appeal in the case of State v. Nathaniel Jenkins with the Court of Appeals on December 18, 2025. Counsel filed the Anders Brief of Appellant in the case of State v. Nathaniel Jenkins with the Court of Appeals on December 17, 2025. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Jesse Broughton with the Court of Appeals on November 25, 2025. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Gabriel Curry before the Court of Appeals on November 4, 2025. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Jason R. Franks v. State with the Court of Appeals on October 27, 2025.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

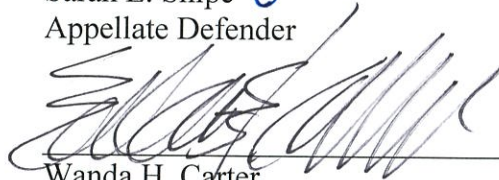
4. On February 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from February 5, 2026, until March 9, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Sarah E. Shipe
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Wanda H. Carter
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This 5th day of February, 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 Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 5th day of February, 2026.



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Good morning,

Attached is a copy of a third extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, February 5, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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