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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JERELLE HICKSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000749

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

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Counsel for Jerelle Hickson respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from February 17, 2026 until March 19, 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 Jerelle Hickson 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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Kurtino Weathersbee with this Court on February 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Gerald Jarrod Ancrum v. The State with this Court on February 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Lintel Lazzil Kirkland with this Court on February 4, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons, Jr. with this Court on February 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Darrell L. Goss v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. Rodney David Riggins with the Supreme Court on January 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. William Lee Roseboro, Jr. with the Supreme Court on January 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Samir Kevin Shank with the Supreme Court on January 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Dale E. King v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 20, 2026.

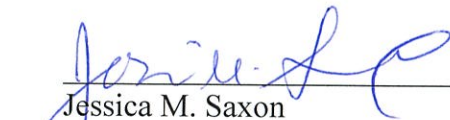
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload

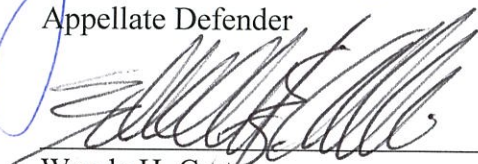
will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

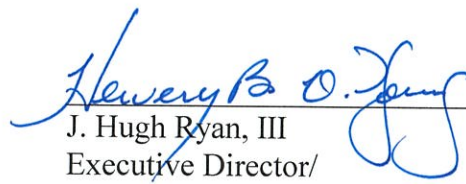
5. On February 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through March 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from February 17, 2026 until March 19, 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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Chief Appellate Defender

  
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This 17th day of February, 2026.

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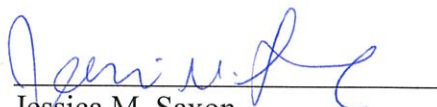
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 17th day of February, 2026.



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**Warren, Kaylynn**

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**Feb 17 2026**

**SC Court of Appeals**

Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Fourth Motion for Extension which will be filed today, February 17, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

**Kaylynn Warren**

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