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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

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

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 (second 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 schedule, 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 did not receive a copy of the transcript of the trial until the later part of January 2026, and has not had adequate time to properly prepare the necessary Initial Brief. Counsel respectfully requests leave for an extension to file and serve the aforementioned Initial Brief on or before April 3, 2026, said date representing forty-five (45) days from the date of this filing (excluding the date of filing). Furthermore, Counsel is informed and believes that Appellant's Counsel consents to such request per his email to this Honorable Court on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 (see attached).

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s/ Matthew C. Halverstadt

BY:

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Dated at N. Charleston, SC
this 16th day of February, 2026.

Monday, February 16, 2026 at 16:16:40 Eastern Standard Time

Subject: Re: Sandra Carpenter-Lingle v. Ami Carpenter (2025-000410)
Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 12:30:39 PM Eastern Standard Time
From: andrew@sheplawfirm.com
To: Matthew Halverstadt, ctappfilings@sccourts.org

Dear Madam Clerk,

I am confirming that I as counsel for the Appellant have no objection to counsel's request or to the motion once submitted after he recovers and is able to send that in.

Regards,
Andy Shepherd

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From: Matthew Halverstadt <mhalverstadt@manleylawfirm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 11:19 AM
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Cc: andrew@sheplawfirm.com <andrew@sheplawfirm.com>
Subject: Sandra Carpenter-Lingle v. Ami Carpenter (2025-000410)

To whom it may concern:

I am in receipt of the Court's correspondence, dated today, regarding the above-referenced matter. I corresponded with opposing counsel last week and informed him that I would be seeking another extension because I received the transcript at the end of January, and since receipt of the same I have had several court hearings and mediations. Opposing counsel has already, graciously, informed me that he had no objection to this request. I am currently at home sick with the flu, but hope to have a proposed Motion for Extension of Time sent for filing by week's end. I apologize for the delay, and I am grateful for your consideration of the same.

With kind regards, I remain very truly yours
MANLEY & HALVERSTADT, L.L.C.

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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 February 16, 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*

Matthew C. Halverstadt
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)