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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Laurens County

Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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DARRELL E. RAINES,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002093

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

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Counsel for Darrell Ervin Raines respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from February 19, 2026 until March 23, 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 third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix were due to be served and filed with the Court yesterday, February 19, 2026. However, due to an administrative error, this extension was not timely filed. Upon realizing the error, counsel acted immediately to prepare the

extension. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel respectfully requests leave under Rule 263(b), SCACR, in which to file the third request for extension.

2. Counsel for Darrell Ervin Raines 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 the Court of Appeals on February 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Gerald Jarrod Ancrum v. The State with the Court of Appeals 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 the Court of Appeals on February 4, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons, Jr. with the Court of Appeals 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 this 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 this 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 this Court on January 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Samir Kevin Shank with this Court on January 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for

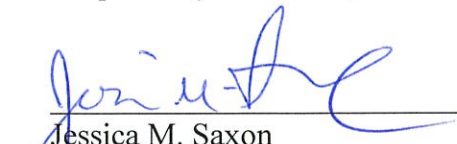
Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Dale E. King v. The State with this Court on January 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v Carlton Devonte Brown with the Court of Appeals on January 7, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Celia Windham with the Court of Appeals on January 7, 2026.

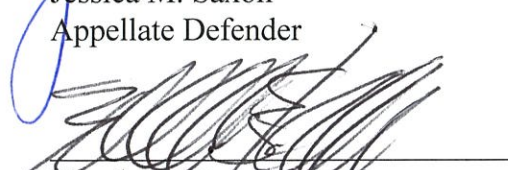
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

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 **final thirty (30) day extension from February 19, 2026 until March 23, 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 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 20th day of February, 2026.