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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

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James Dustin Lucas.....Appellant,

v.

Andre Knox .....Respondent.

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Appellate Case No. 2025-001491

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AND  
SERVE APPELLANT’S INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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The Appellant, by and through his undersigned counsel, hereby moves for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief and designation of matter.

Currently, Appellant’s initial brief and designation of matter are due on February 27, 2026. The undersigned has been preparing for multiple trials in state Court that either settled just before trial or were continued. The undersigned also has a case that is on the March 16, 2026, trial roster for Greenville County and oral argument for three cases in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 18 and 19, 2026. The Appellant has worked diligently on the initial brief for this appeal and made significant progress. However, because of the several deadlines approaching with the undersigned’s practice, Appellant respectfully requests a 30-day extension allowing the initial brief to be served and filed by March 27, 2026.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I certify that I have served a copy of the Motion for Extension of Time to File and Serve Appellant’s Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, electronically to the Court of Appeals, at ctappfilings@sccourts.org, and to the following attorneys of record for the Respondent to the following electronic addresses, on this date, February 24, 2026:

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Re: James Dustin Lucas v. Andre Knox.  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please see enclosed Motion for Extension, along with a copy of the check mailed to the Court of Appeals today for the appropriate filing fees.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Candie Edwards  
Senior Litigation Paralegal

Enclosures