

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Sumter County

Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JASON EDWARD BARNES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001361

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

Counsel for Jason Barnes respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from March 9, 2026 until April 8, 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. Today, March 9, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Camrin Jay Smith with the Court of Appeals. On March 6, 2026,

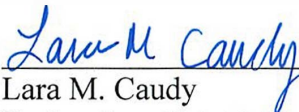
counsel filed the brief of petitioner in Gary Moore v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On February 17, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Joe Worley v. The State with the Supreme Court. On February 5, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Telvin Jackson with the Court of Appeals. On January 16, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Joseph Campbell Williams v. The State with the Supreme Court. On January 7, 2026, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in The State v. Trevor Irvin with the Court of Appeals. On January 2, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Robert Goodwin v. The State with the Supreme Court. On December 16, 2025, counsel had an oral argument in In the Matter of Andy Hyman before the Supreme Court.

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.

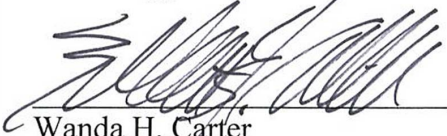
4. On February 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from March 9, 2026 until April 8, 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,



Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 9th day of March, 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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 9th day of March, 2026.



Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, March 9, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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