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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2023-001446  
Opinion No. 2026-UP-018 (SC Ct. App. filed January 21, 2026)

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The State,

Respondent,

v.

Rita M. Pangalangan,

Appellant.

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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This matter is before the Court on the undersigned Counsel's Motion for Extension of Time to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the above-captioned case.

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due on **March 11, 2026**.

I, Dayne C. Phillips, Esq., respectfully request a **twenty (20) day extension of time** to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix. This is Counsel's **first and final** request for an extension of time and is not intended for purposes of delay as it is reasonable and necessary due to Counsel's work schedule and currently being in a murder trial in Aiken County General Sessions Court.

On March 5, 2026, Counsel had two hearings at West Columbia Municipal Court. On March 4, 2026, Counsel had a hearing before the SC Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services. On March 4, 2026, Counsel had a hearing in Lexington Magistrate Court. On March 3, 2026, Counsel had a post-conviction relief hearing in Newberry County Court of Common Pleas. On March 2, 2026, Counsel filed a Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of *State v. Ernest Bethel* with the SC Supreme Court. On February 26, 2026, Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of *State v. Marc Mckeiver* with this court. On February 25, 2026, Counsel had a hearing in Lexington County Magistrate Court. On February 24, 2026, Counsel had a motion hearing in Lexington County General Sessions Court. On February 19, 2026, Counsel had a plea hearing in Lexington County General Sessions Court and a plea hearing in Orangeburg County General Sessions Court. On February 19, 2026, Counsel filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment pursuant to Rule 59(e), SCRPC. On February 18, 2026, Counsel had a plea hearing in Lexington County General Sessions Court and a plea hearing in Aiken County General Sessions Court. On February 17, 2026, Counsel had a plea hearing in Richland County General Sessions Court, status conference in Lancaster General Sessions Court, and a motion hearing in Batesburg-Leesville Municipal Court. On February 13, 2026, Counsel was Co-Chair and Moderator of a SCACDL CLE seminar. On February 11, 2026, Counsel had a motion hearing in Berkeley County General Sessions Court. On February 2, 4 – 6, 2026, Counsel had a trial for Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature in Lexington County General Sessions Court. Please note that this list is not exhaustive of Counsel's schedule and does not include all court appearances, motions, and meetings.

I notified Assistant Attorney General Tommy Evans Jr. of this request via email, and he consented to this request.

THEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests a **twenty (20) day extension** for the service and filing of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the above-captioned case.

Respectfully Submitted,

s/ Dayne C. Phillips

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