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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ALTARIQ J. COLE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000767

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

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Counsel for Altariq Cole respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from March 13, 2026 until April 13, 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. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Joshua D. Boston with the Court of Appeals today, March 13, 2026. Counsel

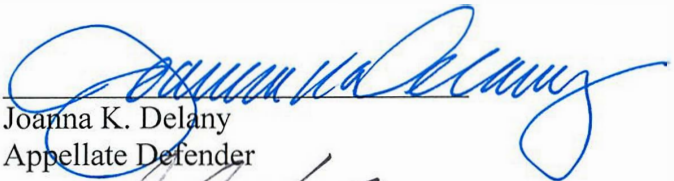
filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of Herbert Holmes v. State with the Court of Appeals on March 12, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Morgan Carr before the Court of Appeals on March 11, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Charles Tillman v. State with the Supreme Court on March 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. David Gordon with the Court of Appeals on March 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Eric A. Graham with the Court of Appeals on February 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Mercury L. Williamson with the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Marcus D. Batson with the Supreme Court on February 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Quinterris J. Carmichael with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of George R. Dreher v. State with the Supreme Court on January 21, 2026.

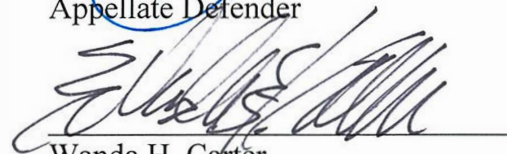
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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 13, 2026 until April 13, 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,

  
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Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

  
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Wanda H. Carter  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13th day of March, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 13th day of March, 2026.

  
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Joanna K. Delany  
Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

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, which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, March 13, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis  
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