

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JERELLE HICKSON,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000749

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

Counsel for Jerelle Hickson respectfully requests a **fifth and final fifteen (15) day extension from March 19, 2026 until April 3, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth 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 with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Jerelle Hickson respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances

exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Appellant was a minor at the time of his murder trial, following a juvenile waiver hearing in the Family Court. The undersigned counsel is currently drafting and researching the multi-issue Brief in this case and intends to have it completed and filed in a timely manner. 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 will file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Darrell Raines v. The State with the Supreme Court on or before Monday, March 23, 2026. Counsel will file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Larry Durant v. The State with the Supreme Court on or before Monday, March 23, 2026. Counsel served as a scoring judge at the Final and Championship rounds of the South Carolina Bar Law Related Education High School Mock Trial Program at the Richland County Central Court on March 13 and 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Keoki Kenta Harris with this Court on March 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. James Orian Gregory with the Supreme Court on March 2, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Kurtino Weathersbee with this Court on February 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Gerald Jarrod Ancrum v. The State with this Court 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 this Court on February 4, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons, Jr. with this Court on February 3, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari

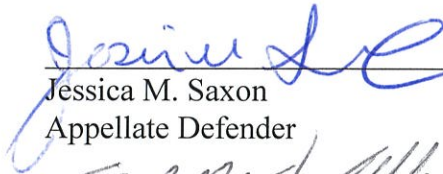
and the Appendix in the case of Darrell L. Goss v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and the Appendix in the case of The State v. Rodney David Riggins with the Supreme 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 the Supreme Court on January 27, 2026.

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

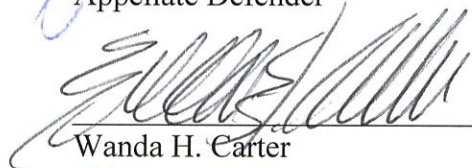
5. On February 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fifth and final fifteen (15) day extension from March 19, 2026 until April 3, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

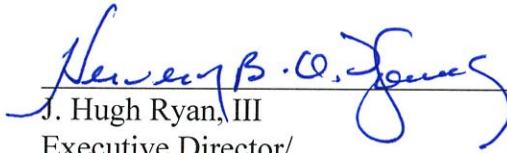
Respectfully submitted,



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This 19th day of March, 2026.

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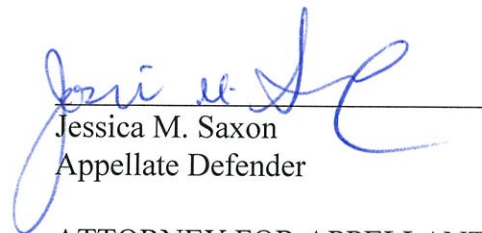
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 19th day of March, 2026.



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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Fifth Motion for Extension which will be filed today, March 19, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

Kaylynn Warren

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