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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM DARLINGTON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions

George M. McFaddin Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2025-002355

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The State,

Respondent,

v.

Katherine Ann Baucom-Cowick,

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 Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-captioned case.

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter are due on **March 23, 2026**.

I, Dayne C. Phillips, Esq., respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension of time to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter. This is Counsel's **fourth 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.

Notably, Counsel has been in three jury trials in General Sessions Court since January 5, 2026 (two murder trials and one assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature trial), and the first jury trial lasted eight (8) days.


On March 18, Counsel had a hearing at the Office of Motor Vehicles Hearings. On March 13, 2026, Counsel filed a Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment Pursuant to Rule 59(e), SCRCP in the Beaufort County Court of Common Pleas. On March 9-12, 2026, Counsel had a murder trial in Aiken County General Sessions Court. On March 12, 2026, Counsel also filed a Reply to Initial Brief of Respondent and a Return to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss in the case of *James S. Patton v. Kera R. Selzer and Dustin S. Selzer* with this court. On March 5, 2026, Counsel had two hearings at West Columbia Municipal Court. On March 4, 2026, Counsel had a pardon 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. Please note that this list is not exhaustive of Counsel's schedule and does not include all court appearances, motions, and meetings.

I notified Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark Farthing of this request via email, and he consented to this request.

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THEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension** for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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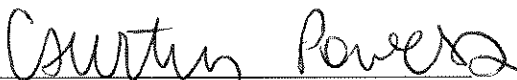
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I hereby certify that I have this date served the within and foregoing Motion for Extension of Time by emailing and depositing a true and correct copy of the same via first-class mail, postage prepaid, upon all parties as follows:

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