

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Anderson County

Honorable Jane H Merrill, Circuit Court Judge  
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KRISTI R. POWELL,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002330  
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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND APPENDIX  
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Counsel for Kristi Powell respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from April 6, 2026 until May 6, 2026 in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Kristi Powell respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances

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exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. 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.

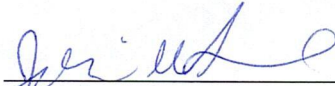
3. Counsel appears for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Calvin D. Ford before the Court of Appeals today, April 6, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps before this Court on March 31, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Jerelle Hickson with the Court of Appeals on March 30, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Darrell E. Raines v. The State with this Court on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Larry Durant v. The State with this Court on 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 the Court of Appeals 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 this 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 the Court of Appeals on February 13, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Gerald Jarrod Ancrum v. The State with the Court of Appeals on February 5, 2026.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.
5. On March 30, 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 May 1, 2026.

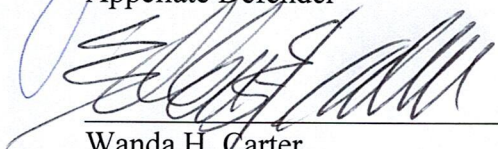
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from April 6, 2026 until May 6, 2026, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appellate Defender



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This 6th day of April, 2026.