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S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Charleston County

Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Circuit Court Judge

CARY STEPHENS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002315

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Cary Stephens 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 Cary Stephens respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances 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.

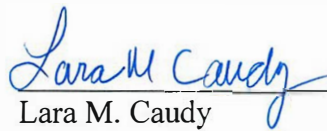
3. On March 27, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Charles Morehouse v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 20, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Chriwanta Bryant with the Court of Appeals. On March 16, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Gregory Sanders v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 9, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Camrin Jay Smith with the Court of Appeals. On March 6, 2026, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in Gary Moore v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On February 17, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Joe Worley v. The State with the Supreme Court. On February 5, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Telvin Jackson with the Court of Appeals.

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

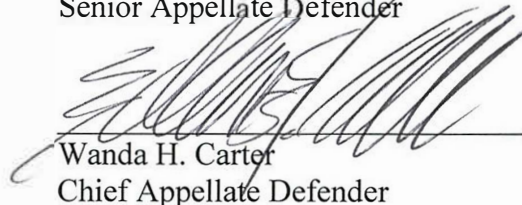
5. On March 30, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 1, 2026.

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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This 6th day of April, 2026.