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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Anderson County

Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GEORGE ERNEST MORGAN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000834

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

Counsel for George Morgan respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from April 6, 2026 until May 6, 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 George Morgan 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.

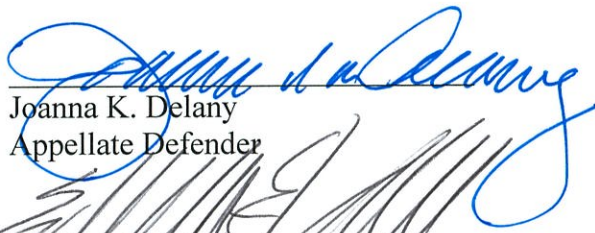
3. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of Maurice Roberts v. State before the Supreme Court on April 1, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Quinterris Carmichael before the Supreme Court on March 31, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Marcus Wigfall with the Court of Appeals on March 26, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Jasper Jefferson v. State with the Supreme Court on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Tyrone Lorenza Robinson v. State with the Supreme Court on March 19, 2026. 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 on 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 *Johnson* 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.

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.

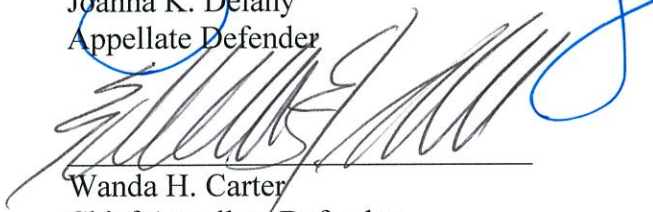
5. On March 30, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from April 6, 2026 until May 6, 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.

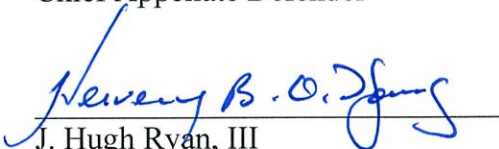
Respectfully submitted,



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This 6th day of April, 2026.

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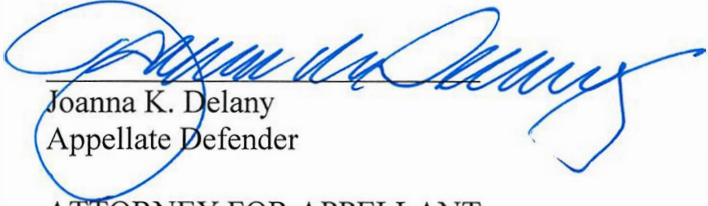
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 6th day of April, 2026.



Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the fourth 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, April 6, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

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