

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Sumter County

Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JASON EDWARD BARNES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-001361

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

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Counsel for Jason Barnes respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from April 8, 2026 until May 8, 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 Jason Barnes 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.

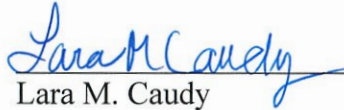
3. On April 7, 2026, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Antonio Barnes before the Court of Appeals. On March 27, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Charles Morehouse v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 20, 2026, counsel filed the initial 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.

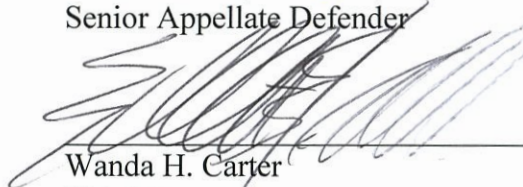
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

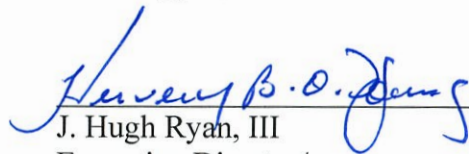
5. On March 30, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from April 8, 2026 until May 8, 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 8th day of April, 2026.

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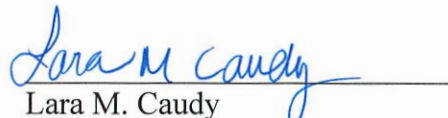
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 8th day of April, 2026.

  
Lara M. Caudy  
Senior Appellate Defender

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Good Afternoon Ms. Brown,

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. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, April 8, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

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