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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Darlington County

Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STEVEN LEWIS SAMUEL,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2024-001380

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

Counsel for Steven Lewis Samuel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from April 29, 2026 until May 29, 2026, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third 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 today.
2. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Samir Kevin

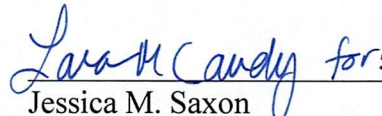
Shank before the Supreme Court on April 21, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Christopher Robert White with this Court on April 20, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Calvin D. Ford before this Court on April 6, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Tirik Jaquan Johnson-Epps before the Supreme 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 this Court 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 the Supreme 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 the Supreme Court on March 23, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Keoki Kenta Harris with this Court 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 the Supreme Court on March 2, 2026.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.


4. 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-day extension from April 29, 2026 until May 29, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Saxon
Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 29th day of April, 2026.

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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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 29th day of April, 2026.

Jessica M. Saxon for: _____

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Appellate Defender

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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Third motion for Extension which will be filed today, April 29, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

Kaylynn Warren

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