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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Spartanburg County

The Honorable J. Mark Hayes, II, Circuit Court Judge

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

APPELLANT,

V.

CASEY DOUGLAS,

RESPONDENT

Appellate Case No. 2025-000914

PETITION TO FILE FIRST EXTENSION REQUEST OUT OF TIME

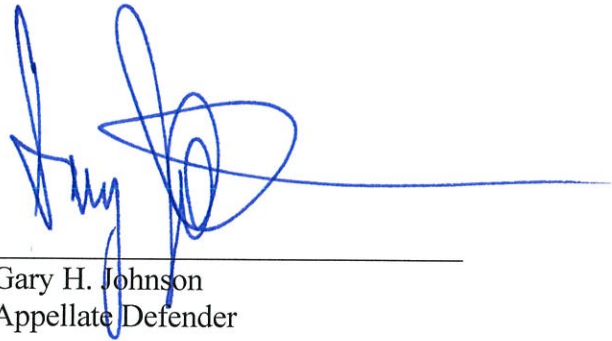
Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, counsel for Casey Douglas respectfully petitions for this Court to grant an initial extension of time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above titled appeal out of time. In support of this request, counsel would present the following information.

- (1) The initial brief of Appellant in this case was filed on April 8, 2026.
- (2) Due to a clerical error, the filing date for Respondent's initial brief was calendared for May 25, 2026, through apparent inadvertent reliance on the April 24, 2024, reference to the Supreme Court order concerning filing rather than the actual date of service contained in Appellant's Certificate of Service. As a result of this clerical error, the extension request was not timely filed on May 8, 2026. Therefore, counsel would request

this Court accept the extension request out of time, today, May 21, 2026. No prior extensions to this filing have been requested by Respondent.

(3) Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay. Counsel has alerted Appellant's counsel of the error.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests that this Court grant the petition requesting a first extension of time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above tilted appeal out of time.

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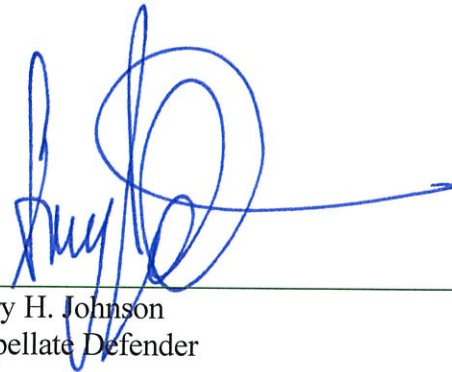
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Petition Requesting a First Extension of Time to File the Initial Brief of Appellant Out of Time 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 21st day of May, 2026.



Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT