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**May 26 2026**

**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. To Be Assigned

MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.,

Respondent,

v.

JULIAN RICHARDS,

Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND LEAVE TO FILE APPELLANT'S  
BRIEF OUT OF TIME

Appellant Julian Richards, pro se, respectfully moves this Court for an extension of time and leave to file his Appellant's Brief out of time.

In support thereof, Appellant states:

1. Appellant timely filed and served his Notice of Appeal on March 23, 2026.
2. Appellant is proceeding pro se and mistakenly believed that, after filing the Notice of Appeal, the matter would be docketed by the Court of Appeals and a docket number and briefing schedule would issue before additional appellate filings were required.
3. Appellant received conflicting information regarding the appellate briefing deadline and believed he should wait for the official docketing notice before filing the Appellant's Brief.
4. Upon discovering the procedural issue, Appellant acted promptly to prepare and submit the accompanying Appellant's Brief, Designation of Record, and related filings.

5. Appellant has contemporaneously submitted the proposed Appellant's Brief with this Motion in order to avoid further delay.
6. The delay resulted from Appellant's good-faith misunderstanding of appellate procedure while proceeding pro se, rather than intentional disregard of the Rules.
7. Respondent will suffer no prejudice from the requested relief because the appeal concerns a primarily legal issue regarding enforcement of an arbitration agreement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of time and permit the accompanying Appellant's Brief to be filed out of time, together with such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on May 26, 2026, I submitted this filing to the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals by email and served a true copy upon counsel for Respondent, Stephen Elias Fain, Esq., by email at [wylie.clarkson@clarksonlawllc.com](mailto:wylie.clarkson@clarksonlawllc.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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