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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

Honorable Vernon F. Dunbar, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MICHAEL TODD ROBERTS, JR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002273

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

Counsel for Michael Todd Roberts respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from June 11, 2026 until July 13, 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 is preparing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Tyberious R. Pyles for filing with the Court of Appeals today, June 11,

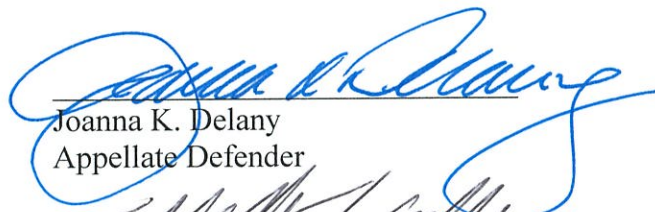
2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Jeffrey McCoy v. State with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Zaquai Shuler v. State with the Supreme Court on May 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Respondent in the case of Ronnie Swofford v. State with the Supreme Court on May 21, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Micah C. S. Brown with the Court of Appeals on May 18, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Altariq J. Cole with the Court of Appeals on May 13, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Eryk J. Smith before the Court of Appeals on May 13, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Tarell Brown v. State with the Supreme Court on May 7, 2026. Counsel filed the *Johnson* Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying Appendix in the case of Desiree Brown v. State with the Supreme Court on May 6, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. George E. Morgan with the Court of Appeals on May 6, 2026.

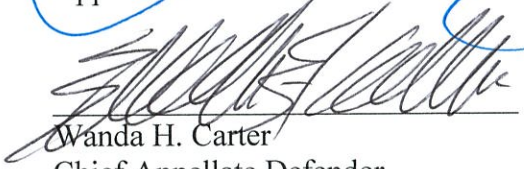
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. On May 26, 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 July 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from June 11, 2026 until July 13, 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,


Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender


Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 11th day of June, 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 Mark Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 11th day of June, 2026.


Joanna K. Delany
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good Afternoon Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third 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, June 11, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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