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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

WHITNEY BRIAN GRANT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000619

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

Counsel for Whitney Grant respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from June 12, 2026 until July 13, 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 Whitney Grant 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.

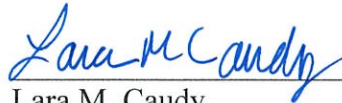
3. On June 10, 2026, counsel filed the return to the petition for rehearing in Matter of Hyman with the Supreme Court. On June 4, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Jeremy Parks v. The State with the Supreme Court. On May 21, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Cary Stephens v. The State with the Supreme Court. On May 19, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Kiywan Lewis with the Court of Appeals. On May 13, 2026, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Dlanor Tilton before the Court of Appeals. On May 8, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jason Barnes with the Court of Appeals. On May 4, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Trevor Irvin with the Supreme Court. On April 22, 2026, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Alexis Grant v. The State with the Supreme Court.

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.

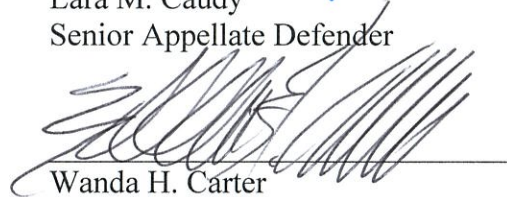
5. On May 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from June 12, 2026 until July 13, 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 12th 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 12th day of June, 2026.



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Senior Appellate Defender

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Good Morning Mr. Farthing,

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, June 12, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

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