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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

Carmen T. Mullen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KASIEM RASHAWN STEPHENS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002060

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

Counsel for Kasiem Stephens 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 Kasiem Stephens 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.

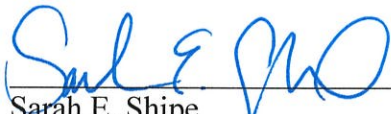
3. Counsel filed the Record on Appeal, Proposed Transport Order, and Final Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Jesse Sebastian Broughton with the Court of Appeals on June 11, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Ralph Jake Goss, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Jose R. Reyes v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 5, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Daryl Lamar Quarles v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Samuel L. McNeil v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 22, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of The State v. Measha J. S. Joyner before the Court of Appeals on May 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Dyshawn Titus Hines with the Court of Appeals on May 12, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Robert Davis Smith, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 20, 2026. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Christopher Ray Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals and Appendix in the case of Erick E. Wells v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 10, 2026.

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.

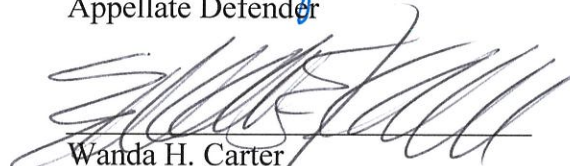
5. On May 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through July 1, 2026.

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.

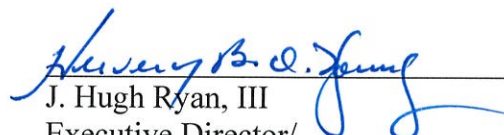
Respectfully submitted,



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This 12th day of June, 2026.

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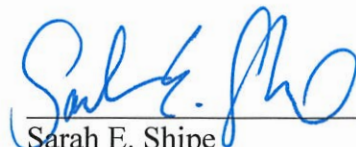
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 12th day of June, 2026.



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Good morning,

Attached is a copy of a fourth extension request in the above referenced case which will be filed today, June 12, 2026, with the Court of Appeals.

All the best,

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