

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Dorchester County

Doyett A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DRISTIN JOHNSON,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2012-213404

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case were due to be served and filed on December 2, 2013.
2. On November 27, 2012, this Court granted an extension until January 2, 2014, to serve and file and initial brief of the appellant and designation of matter in this case.
3. I've had a hard time deciding the best approach to the issues in this case and also received many different opinions. I have settled on a clear position and will have

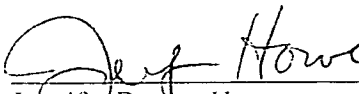
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my brief complete by January 2nd. However, given this time of year and everyone's busy schedules I have not had the opportunity to have it reviewed by a mentor for feedback. As this is my first time preparing an appellate brief I would appreciate an extension to make sure I am submitting a brief that is the best of my ability.

4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.
5. I have spoken with counsel for the state, Salley W. Elliott, who graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. 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,



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December 31, 2013