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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals**

**APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
In the Court of General Sessions**

The Honorable Christopher D. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2022A4010400089-93; 2022A4010400100-110; 2022A4010400115-118
2023GS4002562-2566; 2023GS4002572-2582; 2023GS4002587-2590

State of South Carolina..... Respondent

v.

Caroline Pennington Petitioner

**PETITIONER'S MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE
FOR FILING BRIEF**

Petitioner, pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, respectfully moves for an Order extending the deadline for filing her brief.

Petitioner filed for an appeal on November 4, 2025. The state subsequently filed an Omnibus Post Trial Motion on November 12, 2025. Following the disposition of that motion, Petitioner appellate counsel timely refiled a Notice of Appeal on January 29, 2026. Petitioner's appellate counsel received trial transcript on June 29, 2026. This is the first motion for an extension of time filed in this appeal. Petitioner respectfully requests that the deadline for filing the Initial Brief be extended to August 28, 2026. This additional time is necessary to allow appellate counsel to thoroughly review the trial transcript, meet with Petitioner, and adequately prepare the Initial Brief. The Attorney General's office indicated that it does not oppose Petitioner's request.

Appellate counsel requests additional time to meet with Petitioner in person to review the

case, discuss counsel's findings, and ensure that all potential issues for appeal are fully addressed before filing the Initial Brief.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Petitioner respectfully requests with the consent of Respondent, that this Court grant this Motion for Extension of Time and extend the deadline for filing Petitioner's Initial Brief to August 28, 2026.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario A. Pacella", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on July 8, 2026, served the Motion for Extension in this matter on the State of South Carolina by emailing a copy of the same to its attorney of record, Mark Farthing, mfarthing@scag.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



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