

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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SC Court of Appeals

Appeal from Laurens County
Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2025-001933

THE STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

LEON LEE HARRIS, JR.,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO
SERVE AND FILE INITIAL REPLY BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Respondent, Leon Harris, Jr., through his undersigned counsel, would respectfully moves for a third extension of time to file and serve the Initial Reply Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter based on the following:

I.

The Initial Reply Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on July 15, 2026.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 1, 2009, the Respondent moves for a third extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal, and an additional thirty days to complete the reply brief in this case. In the past few weeks, counsel had a Final Brief due in the matter of *State v. Shayna McKnight*, has been preparing for various motions which were heard in the matters of *State v. Travis Harrison*, *State v. Patrick Darty*, *State v. Nyahuma Dieudonne*, and *State v. Jessica Modrzynski*. Additionally, counsel has written a Petition for Removal from the Sex Offender Registry in the matter of *Steven Eckstein v. State*. Counsel has made numerous court appearances in the matters of *State v. Roland Hall*, *State v. Alex Stephens*, *State v. Pernell Postell*, *State v. Michael Barrett*, *State v. David Lynch*, *State v. Michael Okula*, *State v. Rochelle Hollingsworth*, *State v. Heather Harmon*, and *State v. Ethan D'Rozario* to name a few. Counsel also has been working on sentencing memorandums in the matters of *United States v. Marquita Stevens*, and *United States v. Jesus Agustin*. Along with that, counsel is a solo practitioner and has administrative duties to attend to in order to keep her firm running.

III.

Pursuant to Rule 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, on behalf of Respondent Leon Lee Harris, Jr., undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by good cause and not for purposes of delay. The State submitted a lengthy Brief with over fifty cases listed as authority. Undersigned counsel is currently working on the Reply in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, to date, counsel has not been able to finish the Reply due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Reply is properly researched and written, I am requesting an additional extension of time within which to file and serve the Reply Brief.

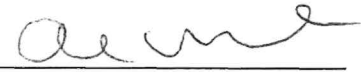
IV.

Undersigned counsel has consulted with the State, and Mark Farthing, Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General, has no objection to this extension request.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court extend the deadline for service and filing of the Initial Reply Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days from the date such relief is granted; hold the matter in abeyance pending a ruling on Respondent's motion, and grant other relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

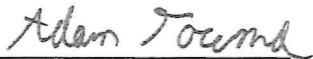
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Respectfully submitted,



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I support the finding of good cause and believe the extension is warranted.



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Alissa Wilson, certify that I have served the within Motion for the Third Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Reply Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Respondent by sending an electronic copy via email to the address listed in AIS for the following individual:

Mark Farthing, mfarthing@scag.gov

I further certify that all parties required to be served, have been served this 13th day of July, 2026.



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