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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County

Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JODY LYNN WARD,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002597

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

Counsel for Jody Lynn Ward respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 7, 2026 until September 8, 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 Jody Lynn Ward 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.

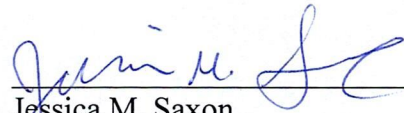
3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Dandre Ravon-Larenz Bloome with this Court on July 27, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Abin Lowman v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 17, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. James Orian Gregory with the Supreme Court on July 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Paul E. Lamberth, Jr. with this Court on July 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the post-conviction DNA testing case of Jody Lynn Ward v. The State with this Court on July 8, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Steven Samuel with this Court on June 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Clifton E. Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 15, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Kristi R. Powell v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 5, 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.

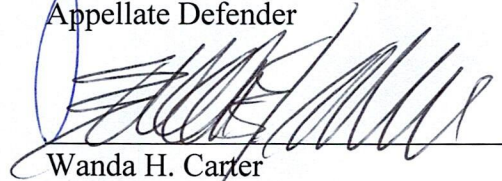
5. On August 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from August 7, 2026 until September 8, 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.

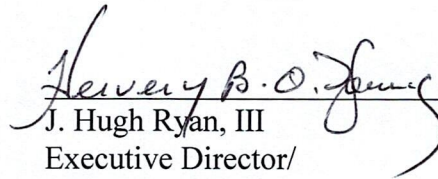
Respectfully submitted,



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This 7th day of August, 2026.

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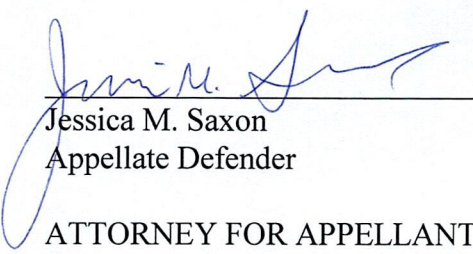
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 7th day of August, 2026.



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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good Morning,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the Fourth Motion for Extension which will be filed today, August 7, 2026, with the Court of Appeals via email filing.

Respectfully,

Kaylynn

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