

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Charleston County

Honorable Jocelyn J. Newman, Circuit Court Judge

JAY L. COOK,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000663

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Jay Cook respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days from August 26, 2026, until September 25, 2026, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Jay Cook 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. On August 24-25, 2026, counsel appeared in circuit court in Beaufort County representing a client who was called as a witness in the case of State v. Messiah Anderson. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Matthew Joseph Hogan with the Court of Appeals on August 19, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in the case of Eric Neal Patton v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 12, 2026. Counsel spoke at and attended a CLE on August 6-7, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Breonte A. Glasgow with the Court of Appeals on July 31, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Rehearing in the case of The State v. Stacy Michelle Rabon with the Court of Appeals on July 30, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. James Etheridge Jones with the Court of Appeals on July 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Motion to Hold Appeal in Abeyance and Remand for Reconstruction of the Record in the case of Michael Myers v. SCDMH with the Supreme Court on July 1, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant in the case of The State v. Ryan Woodruff with the Court of Appeals on June 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant, Motion to Supplement the Record on Appeal, and Supplemental Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Kenneth Dawson with the Court of Appeals on June 16, 2026..

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

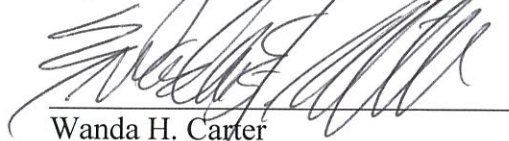
5. On August 3, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension from August 26, 2026, until September 1, 2026, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for serving and filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 26th day of August, 2026.