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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Daniel Coble,
Circuit Judge

Case Number 2025-CP-40-07916
Appellate Case No. 2026-001516

Eric William Ruschky,..... Appellant,

v.

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and Catawba Presbytery of the
General Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church,..... Defendants.

of which The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia is the..... Respondent.

**APPELLANT’S FIRST REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO
FILE HIS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO
BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL**

Appellant, Eric William Ruschky (“Ruschky” or “Appellant”), respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file his Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal.

This motion is based on the following facts and argument.

Appellant’s Notice of Appeal was filed on July 7, 2025, and Appellant’s Notice of

Transcript Request and Confirmation of Receipt were filed July 9, 2026.

Appellant received the transcript on August 5, 2026. Under SCACR, Rules 208(a)(1), Appellant's Initial Brief must be filed within thirty (30) days of the receipt of any ordered transcript. Under SCACR, Rule 209, Appellant's Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal must be filed at the same time as his initial brief. Accordingly, Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal are due to be filed no later than September 4, 2026.

However, due to counsel's briefing, trial and hearing schedule, he will not be able to complete and file Appellant's Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal within the required timeframe.

Accordingly, Appellant respectfully requests the Court extend the deadline for filing Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal for a period of thirty (30) days. If this request is granted, Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal will be due to be filed no later than October 5, 2026. October 4, 2026, the thirtieth day after September 4, 2026, is a Sunday.

The undersigned is informed Respondent does not object to the requested relief.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this date, the **APPELLANT'S FIRST REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE HIS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF
MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL** was served on
Respondent's counsel via email and by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail,
postage prepaid, addressed to opposing counsel of record, as follows:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

/s/ Louis H. Lang
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**Re: Eric William Ruschky v. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia
Appellate Case No. 2026-001516
Our File No. 19559.001**

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed herewith please find Appellant's First Request for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal, together with the Proof of Service, in the above-referenced matter. Kindly file the same and return a clocked-in copy to the undersigned via return email. My firm's check in the amount of \$50.00 as the filing fee for the Motion will be hand-delivered to the Court.

The enclosed documents have been served upon Respondent's and Defendants' counsel today via email and first-class mail as indicated in the Proof of Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

CALLISON TIGHE & ROBINSON, LLC

s/ Louis H. Lang

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