

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM EDGEFIELD COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Hon. Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Judge

Case No. 2022-CP-19-0114
Appellate Case No. 2026-000959

George William Rauton, III, Petitioner,

vs.

Patsy R. Lightle, Respondent.

MOTION TO ALLOW LATE FILING

September 22, 2026

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Petitioner hereby moves for an order allowing late service and filing of the Appendix in this matter and the Petitioner's Brief, .and the additional bound copies of these documents.

Petitioner's counsel did not see the email transmitting the Order granting certiorari in this amtter and only learned of it upon reading a follow up email yesterday. Counsel promptly responded to the email to advise of the status. The documents that are the subject of this request are being served and filed contemporaneously with it.

The files to allow production of the 10 bound copies of the Appendix and Petitioner's Brief have been sent to the printer, who has agreed to complete them tomorrow, in time to be hand delivered to the court along with the filing fee for this motion. No previous extensions have been requested in this matter and the delay from the original September 11 due date has been relatively short.

Petitioner's counsel has been occupied recently with devoting a substantial amount of time to assisting his wife in recovering from a knee replacement surgery that has proven to be more challenging than any of her other orthopedic procedures.

Respectfully submitted,

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