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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The Honorable Roger M. Young, Sr., Circuit Court Judge
The Honorable Jennifer B. McCoy, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000964
Case No. 2020-CP-10-02357

LYSANDRA SERRANO,
SAVANNAH MCKENZIE,
CASANDRA AUNGST,
SYNDNEY BROWN, RYAN
COUGHLIN, individually
and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,Appellants,

v.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY., Respondent.

SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S INITIAL
BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON
APPEAL

Respondent Charleston Southern University respectfully moves under Rules 208(a)(2), 209, 240, and 263(b), SCACR, for a thirty (30) day extension of time to file and serve its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal. In support of this motion, Respondent states the following:

On July 17, 2026, Appellants filed a Motion for Leave to File Initial Brief in Excess of the Fifty-Page Limit under Rules 208(b)(5) and 240, SCACR, and conditionally filed their Initial Brief the same day. On July 22, 2026, Respondent filed its first Motion for Extension of Time to file and

serve its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. Respondent's deadline at that time was Monday, August 17, 2026. By letter dated July 31, 2026, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals advised that the appeal would be held in abeyance pending the Court's decision on Appellants' motion for leave to exceed page limits, and that no further action would be taken on Respondent's motion for extension while the appeal was in abeyance. As a result, Respondent's first Motion for Extension of Time was never ruled upon. On September 8, 2026, the Court granted Appellants' motion to exceed the page limitations of Rule 208(b)(5), SCACR, accepted Appellants' Initial Brief (filed July 17, 2026) as filed, and directed that "[w]ithin thirty days of the date of this order, Respondent shall serve and file its initial brief and designation of matter." Respondent's current deadline under that order is Thursday, October 8, 2026 (thirty (30) days from September 8, 2026).

This is Respondent's second request for an extension of time to file and serve its Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. Respondent submits that good cause exists for a thirty (30) day extension of the current October 8, 2026 deadline for several reasons. First, the matter is complex. Appellants' Initial Brief was permitted to exceed the standard fifty-page limit, reflecting the scope of the appeal. The appeal seeks review of two separate circuit court orders—the order setting aside CSU's default and the order granting summary judgment to CSU—each presenting numerous factual and legal issues. Respondent requires adequate time to prepare a thorough Initial Brief and Designation of Matter responsive to the issues raised, particularly given the length of Appellants' brief and the complexity of the record. Additionally, the parties have recently agreed to re-engage in settlement discussions, which could fully resolve this case and render further briefing in this Court unnecessary.

The requested extension is limited (thirty days) and is not sought for purposes of delay. Counsel for Respondent have consulted with counsel for Appellants, who consent to the filing of this motion and to the requested extension of time. For these reasons, Respondent respectfully

requests that the Court grant it a thirty (30) day extension of time, or until November 9, 2026, to file and serve its Initial Brief and corresponding Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, together with such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned of the law offices of Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP,
attorneys for Respondent Charleston Southern University, do certify that I have served all counsel
of record in this action with a copy of Respondent Charleston Southern University's Second
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