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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal From Lexington County
The Honorable Thomas W. McGee, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No: 2026-000208

THE STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

JOSEPH STEPHEN CONNOLLY, JR.,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO SERVE AND
FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Appellant, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter are due to the Court today, pursuant to three previous extensions granted by the Court.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Appellant moves for a fourth extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before this Court, the undersigned counsel is unable to complete this Brief on time. Since the last extension was granted in this matter, the undersigned counsel submitted a Final Brief of Respondent to the Court of Appeals in State v. Mercury Lamont Williamson

(2024-001309) and in State v. Toby Khan Armstrong (2025-000718); has submitted a Response Brief to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Christopher Hampton v. Jonathan Nance; has submitted a Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter to the Court of Appeals in State v. Toby Khan Armstrong (2025-000718); and has submitted a Petition for Rehearing to the Court of Appeals in State v. Jamira U. Davis (2023-001215). Counsel would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter.

III.

The undersigned counsel submits this extension request is supported by extraordinary circumstances and is not intended for purposes of delay. The undersigned counsel is currently working on the Brief in this case and intends to have it finished in a timely manner. However, the undersigned counsel has not yet been able to finish the Brief due to a heavy workload. Accordingly, to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared, I would therefore request an additional extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

WHEREFORE, Appellant prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty days; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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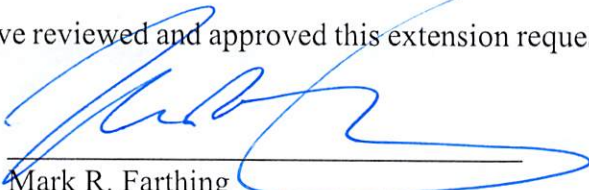


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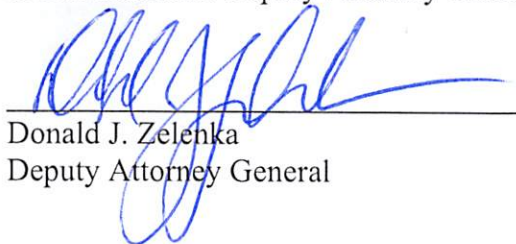
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Grace Sommer, certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time on Wanda H. Carter, Esquire, counsel of record for the Respondent, by sending one copy by electronic mail to the address listed for counsel in AIS.

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 25th day of September, 2026.



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