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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Jasper County

Honorable Robert J. Bonds, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN STEVEN REYNOVEL METZLER,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-000413

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for John Metzler respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension from September 30, 2026 until October 30, 2026 in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. From September 28, 2026, through September 30, 2026, counsel is attending the Annual Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach. On September 25, 2026, counsel filed the

initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Barry Smart, Jr. with the Court of Appeals. On September 11, 2026, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Joseph King with the Court of Appeals. On September 10, 2026, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in Angelo Ham v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On September 10, 2026, counsel filed the return to the petition for rehearing in The State v. Antonio Barnes with the Court of Appeals. On August 31, 2026, counsel filed the return to the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Brian Redding with the Supreme Court. On August 26, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Shane Byerly with the Court of Appeals. On August 24, 2026, counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in The State v. Camrin Jay Smith with the Court of Appeals. On August 12, 2026, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Antiwayne Rouse with the Court of Appeals.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

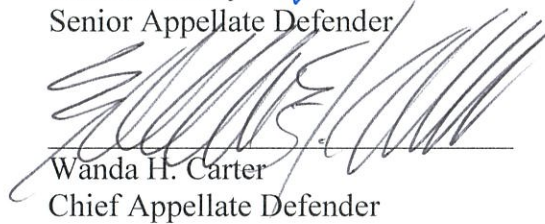
4. On August 27, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from September 30, 2026 until October 30, 2026. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 30th day of September, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the Motion for Extension in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at his primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 30th day of September, 2026.


Lara M. Caudy
Senior Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT

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Good morning Mr. Farthing,

Attached for service in the above-referenced case is the third motion for an extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. This motion will be filed with the Court of Appeals today, September 30, 2026, via email filing.

Thank you,

Sara McInnis
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