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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM PICKENS COUNTY
Court of General Sessions
Jessica Ann Salvini, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-000392

The State,Respondent,

v.

Benjamin Allen Harkema,Appellant.

Motion for Extension of Time

Benjamin Harkema moves this Court for an order extending the time to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal, by 30 days, to Monday, November 2, 2026. This is the third request for an extension to file this pleading. This request is based on undersigned counsel's other professional obligations and is not intended for delay. Counsel prepared for and participated in an evidentiary hearing, from September 22-23, 2026, in *Inman v. State of South Carolina*, Case No. 2012-CP-39-00918, on September 22-23, 2026, a capital post-conviction relief case on remand from this Court. *Inman v. State*, 439 S.C. 97, 886 S.E.2d 204 (2023). Counsel is preparing for an oral argument, in the Court of Appeals, on October 6, 2026, in *State v. Hudson*, Appellate Case No. 2024-000439. He is also working on a reply brief in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, in *United States v. McCaslan*, No. 26-4065, with an anticipated due date of October 26, 2026.

Counsel had not anticipated needing this extension and has blocked time after the *State v. Hudson* oral argument to complete this brief.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully Submitted,

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