

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Laurens County
Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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PRESTON SHANDS, JR.,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2025-002441

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE
THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX

Counsel for Preston Shands, Jr. respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a second request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today.

2. Counsel for Preston Shands, Jr. respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Joseph Rowland with the Court of Appeals on September 24, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Troy Jenkins with the Court of Appeals on September 23, 2026. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Benjamin Walter Dubois III with the Court of Appeals on September 17, 2026. Counsel had an oral argument before the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Thomas Eric McDowell on September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jaquan Ma'liek Frinks with the Court of Appeals on July 29, 2026. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of The State v. Ronald Ray Broadnax with the Court of Appeals on July 20, 2026. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Myron A. Cannon v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antonio D. Scott v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 15, 2026.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

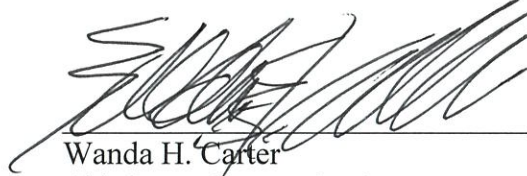
5. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by email from Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka dated September 26, 2026 for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension in which to serve and file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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This 5th day of October, 2026.