

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LAURENS COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable W. Reid Cox, Jr. Special Referee

Circuit Court Case No. 2024-CP-30-00353

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Deborah S. Lyda..... Plaintiff,

v.

Rhonda Sweat Individually and as

Personal Representative of the

Estate of Dale Andrew Sweat..... Defendants,

of which

Rhonda Sweat Individually and as

Personal Representative of the

Estate of Dale Andrew Sweat are Appellants,

and

Deborah S. Lyda is the Respondent.

**APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER ON APPEAL**

Pursuant to Rules 208, 240, and 263(b), SCACR, Appellant Rhonda Sweat respectfully moves this Court for an extension of thirty (30) days to serve and file Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation are presently due October 5, 2026. Appellant requests an extension of thirty (30) days, through November 4, 2026.

Good cause exists for the requested extension because the exhibits admitted during the January 28, 2026 trial are not included with the trial materials presently available to Appellant. The trial transcript and orders under review reference those exhibits, and the exhibits are necessary to accurately prepare Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal.

Appellant is in the process of obtaining the admitted trial exhibits from the circuit court so that counsel may review the complete trial record, verify the exhibits referenced in the transcript and orders under review, and accurately designate the materials to be included in the Record on Appeal. Appellant is not seeking to introduce evidence that was not presented below.

This is Appellant's first request for an extension of this deadline. The requested extension is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay and will not prejudice Respondent.

Additionally, Appellant respectfully requests that the filing and service deadlines for the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending the Court's ruling on this Motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court extend the deadline to serve and file Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal through November 4, 2026, and grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned attorney for the Appellant, do hereby certify that I have served the below party in this action with a copy of Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal by mailing a copy of the same to the following address and by electronic mail:

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Dear Clerk of Court:

Enclosed for filing please find Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter on Appeal along with filing fee of \$50.00. Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation are presently due October 5, 2026. The Motion requests a thirty (30) day extension, through November 4, 2026, in order to obtain the trial exhibits not included with the transcript from the circuit court. Accordingly, the new deadline to file the initial brief and designation of the matter should be November 4, 2026. Thank you for the Court's consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Dodd