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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Debra R. McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2025-002455

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Mark A. Winchell,

Appellant.

MOTION TO ALLOW TWENTY DAY EXTENSION TO FILE A REPLY BRIEF

Appellant moves for an extension in which to file his Reply Brief. The Reply Brief is due tomorrow, October 15, 2026, after the first extension request was granted. Counsel for the Appellant is need of an additional extension for the following reasons (1) Counsel's associate left the firm around July 4, 2026, for another position, (2) Counsel had to discharge the paralegal who worked on appeals for good cause shortly thereafter, (3) Cousel's spouse has been bedridden for months, Counsel has had to employ three shifts of caretakers for his spouse and even still he is also acting as a caretaker for his spouse when the other caretakers are not there and (4)

Counsel has been preparing for a murder trial in Chester that was scheduled to start Monday, but was continued by the court last Wednesday.

Based on the forgoing Counsel believes he needs an additional 20 days in which to prepare the Reply Brief until November 5, 2026.

Counsel has a good faith belief that the request is warranted and made in good faith.

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I certify that I have served the Request for an Extension to File Reply Brief by depositing through Electronic Mail, on October 14, 2026, addressed to the following:

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