

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Greenville County

Honorable J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

JONATHA DASHON HELLAMS,

PETITIONER

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-001112

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

Counsel for Jonatha Dashon Hellams respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, from October 21, 2026 until November 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and 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 third 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 Jonatha Dashon Hellams 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.

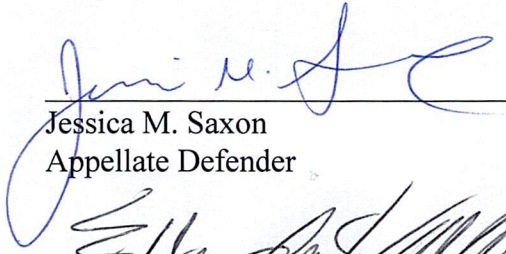
3. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Victor M. Pouge with this Court on October 14, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Holly Jo Thompson v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 9, 2026. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix in the case of Charles Otis James III v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 2, 2026. Counsel attended and presented the Case Law Update at the mandatory Annual Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina from September 28-30, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Willie Leo Darby with this Court on September 28, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Lafredia Corlett Todd with this Court on September 21, 2026. Counsel appeared for Oral Argument in the case of Daniel Jamaal Lawrence v. The State before this Court on September 16, 2026. Counsel filed the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the case of The State v. Derrick Lamont Brunson with this Court on September 11, 2026. Counsel filed the Brief of Appellant and the Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Jody Lynn Ward with this Court on September 8, 2026. Counsel appeared as a witness at the post-conviction relief evidentiary hearing in the case of Gary Wirtz v. The State via WebEx on September 1, 2026, Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Lyons with the Supreme Court on September 1, 2026.

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

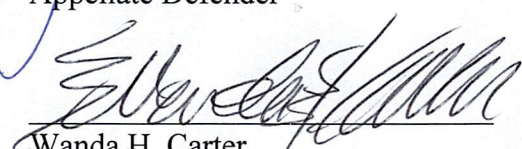
5. On September 24, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension from October 21, 2026 until November 20, 2026**, 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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Appellate Defender



Wanda H. Carter
Chief Appellate Defender

This 21st day of October, 2026.