

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Sumter County

Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOHN PAUL ROGERS (A.K.A. YEHOCHANAN BINNUN ABIJAH),

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2026-000192

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO
SERVE AND FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for John Paul Rogers, respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 21, 2026, until November 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court on October 21, 2026.
2. Counsel for John Paul Rogers respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Maurice Singleton

with the Court of Appeals on October 8, 2026. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Stephen J. Green with the Court of Appeals on October 8, 2026. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Joseph Eugene Edmond in the Court of Appeals on October 7, 2026. 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.

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

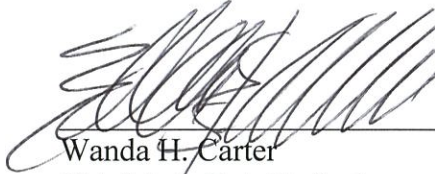
5. On September 26, 2026, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from October 21, 2026, until November 20, 2026**, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

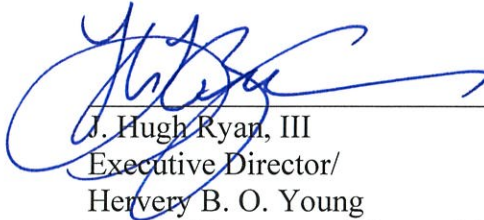
Respectfully submitted,



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This 21st day of October, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the motion for extension of time to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon Mark R. Farthing, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of October, 2026.


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Mr. Farthing,

Please find attached for service the 4th Extension Request for the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter for John Paul Rogers' appeal which will be filed with the Court of Appeals today.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you,

Chris Stock
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