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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

S.C. SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge

Supreme Court Appellate Case No. 2026-000863

Gloria Ormand-Ward by and through her Guardian
and Conservator, CDM Corporation, through its
representative, Stephen Mantell,

Petitioner,

v.

David Litt; Homedebone, LLC; Rosaria A. Alagna aka
Rose Alagna; Chris Parker; Chicago Land Agency Services,
Inc.; Chicago Title Insurance Company; Pereira Partners,
LLC; NB Labor LLC d/b/a Newman Brothers General
Contractors; John Newman; and Toorak Capital, LLC, Defendants,

of which Chicago Title Insurance Company is

Respondent.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Petitioner, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully moves this Court pursuant to Rules 240, SCACR, and Administrative Order 2014-07-16-01, for an extension of twenty (20) days, up to and including November 17, 2026, within which to serve and file its Appellant's Brief and Initial Joint Appendix. In support of this Motion, counsel respectfully shows the Court as follows:

1. The Appellant's Brief and Appendix are currently due to be served and filed on November 2, 2026. Undersigned counsel has previously utilized the automatic twenty (20) days of extensions permitted under Section (1) of Administrative Order 2014-07-16-01.

2. Section (2) of Administrative Order 2014-07-16-01 permits additional extensions upon a showing of "extraordinary circumstances such as illness or other circumstances beyond the control of the movant."

3. On October 21, 2026, the parties and counsel convened for a global mediation session and successfully reached a settlement agreement that, upon finalization, is expected to result in the full dismissal of this pending appeal.

4. Because this matter directly involves Gloria Ormand-Ward, an incapacitated adult under the jurisdiction of the Horry County Probate Court, the mediated settlement agreement is contingent upon formal Court review and approval. Proceeding with the preparation, filing, and judicial review of the brief and appendix at this juncture poses a significant risk of unnecessary expenditure:

5. The time, labor, and substantial out-of-pocket expenses required to finalize, print, bind, service, and submit ten (10) copies of the voluminous appellate brief and joint appendix would be entirely lost should the settlement receive probate approval. Crucially, preserving these funds directly benefits Ms. Ormand-Ward by keeping those resources available for her care and ongoing needs.

6. Requiring the submission of briefing during the interim would unnecessarily burden this Court and its staff with reviewing materials and managing an active appellate docket for a controversy that is on the verge of being rendered entirely moot.

7. Counsel has exercised due diligence in pursuing both resolution and preparation of this appeal. This brief twenty (20) day extension will allow the parties sufficient time to obtain the requisite Probate Court approval, finalize the settlement documents, and dismiss the appeal, thereby conserving both judicial and party resources.

8. This motion is brought in good faith, in the interest of judicial economy, and not for the purpose of undue delay.

9. Undersigned counsel has communicated with opposing counsel, Denny P. Major, Esq., who neither consents or opposes the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of twenty (20) days, up to and including November 17, 2026, to serve and file the Appellant's Brief and Initial Joint Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

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