

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court Of Common Pleas

The Honorable Daniel Coble, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2026-001516
Case No. 2025-CP-40-07916

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SC Court of Appeals

Eric William Ruschky.....Plaintiff/Appellant,

v.

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and Catawba Presbytery of the General Synod of the
Associate Presbyterian Church Defendants,

of whom

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia is Respondent.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONDENT'S INITIAL BRIEF
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondent The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia (hereinafter "Respondent") respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension to file its initial brief and designation of matter. This is Respondent's first request for an extension of this deadline. Respondent respectfully requests this extension on the grounds that its counsel's time for the past several weeks has been devoted to matters in the Circuit Court in which injunctive relief has been sought on an emergent basis. As a result, additional time is needed for Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter.

The current deadline for Respondent to file its initial brief and designation of matter is November 4, 2026. Should this Court grant the instant request for a thirty (30) day extension,

Respondent's initial brief and designation of matter would be due on December 4, 2026. Counsel for Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellant, Louis Lang, Esq., who does not oppose the instant Motion. Respondent requests that the current deadline of November 4, 2026 be held in abeyance pending the Court's consideration and resolution of this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the undersigned counsel has caused to be served this day the original
Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter
via electronic mail to the address stated in the Supreme Court Order 2022-05-06-03 and in
accordance with Rule 262, SCACR and additionally via electronic mail to the following counsel
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A copy of the email serving the aforementioned to all counsel of record is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Good morning,

Attached hereto and served upon you, please find Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time and correspondence to the clerk which will be submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals today. A copy of this message will be affixed to the Proof of Service, which will also be submitted today.

Kind regards,
Jillian



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Re: *Eric William Ruschky v. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

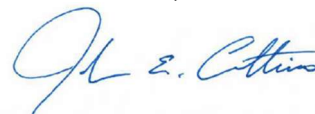
Enclosed herewith, please find courtesy copies of Respondent The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia's Motion for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b), SCACR, as well as its corresponding Proof of Service. These documents have already been submitted for electronic filing in accordance with Supreme Court Order 2022-05-06-03 and Rule 262, SCACR.

Also enclosed is my firm's check in the amount of Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$50.00) for payment of the associated filing fee.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GALLIVAN, WHITE & BOYD, P.A.



John E. Cuttino

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Enclosure: As Stated

cc: All Counsel of Record (*via email only*)