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S.C. SUPREME COURT

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Common Pleas  
Appeal from Lexington County  
Honorable David P. Caraker, Jr., Post-Conviction Relief Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002338

Joshua T. Brown, #286520,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR A FOURTH EXTENSION TO SERVE AND FILE THE  
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Counsel for Respondent respectfully moves for a **fourth** and **final** extension of thirty (30) days in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:<sup>1</sup>

1. The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari was due to be served and filed with the Court on October 30, 2026.

<sup>1</sup> In compliance with: In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

2. Counsel for Respondent respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant the granting of an additional time extension. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her heavy caseload, Counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. Counsel had a term of court on September 14-18, 2026, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing the orders.
4. Counsel had a term of court on October 5-9, 2026, in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, in which Counsel is preparing the orders.
5. Counsel is preparing for a term of court on November 9-13, 2026, in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.
6. Counsel is preparing for a term of court on November 16-17, 2026, in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.
7. Counsel is preparing for a term of court on November 18-20, 2026, in the Fifth Judicial Circuit.
8. This extension request is made in good faith and not intended for delay, but rather due to counsel's heavy workload and to ensure the return is properly researched and prepared.
9. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request via interagency agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to serve and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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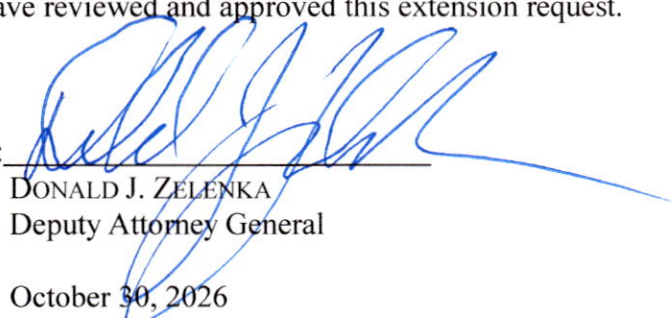
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I have reviewed and approved this extension request.

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October 30, 2026