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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals**

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No.: 2012-CP-40-03924
Appellate Case No.: 2013-002295

Linda Rodarte, J. Perry Kimball, George M. Lee, III,
Mena H. Gardiner, and John Love, Plaintiffs,

Of Whom George M. Lee, III, Mena H. Gardiner and
John Love are the

Appellants,

v.

The University of South Carolina and the University of
South Carolina Gamecock Club

Respondents.

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

Pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, Respondents the University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina Gamecock Club move this Court for an order granting an extension of thirty (30) days for Respondents to file and serve their initial brief and designation of matter in the above-captioned appeal. This request is being made due to counsel's present workload and other professional commitments. This is Respondents' first request for an extension of time.

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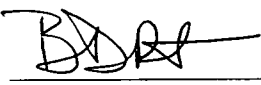
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Respondents' initial brief and designation of matter are currently due on Friday, January 31, 2014. If the motion is granted, Respondents' initial brief and designation of matter will be due on Monday, March 3, 2014.

Counsel for the Respondent has consulted with counsel for Appellants, and he has consented to this thirty day extension.

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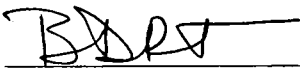
I certify that I have caused to be served the Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, on the Appellants, Julius W. Babb, IV, Esquire, at J. Lewis Cromer & Associates, 1522 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201, on January 30, 2014, by hand delivery.

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Re: Linda Rodarte, et al. vs. The University of South Carolina, et al.
Civil Action No.: 2012-CP-40-3924
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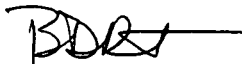
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed are an original and seven (7) copies of Respondents' First Motion for Extension of Time to file the initial brief and designation of matter in the above-referenced matter. Please file the original and return a filed-stamped copy to my office by our courier. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the filing fee.

By copy of this letter to opposing counsel, I am notifying them of my communication with the Court. As you will see in the motion, opposing counsel consents to the relief requested.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Bess J. DuRant

BJD:mto

cc: Julius W. Babb, IV, Esquire (via hand delivery)
Edwin E. Evans, Esquire (via email)