

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Thomas W. Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ZACOATA LOPEY,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2013-000554

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final** thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by two prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed a seven-issue petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the death penalty case of Stephen Corey Bryant v. State in the Supreme Court on March 28, 2014. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of

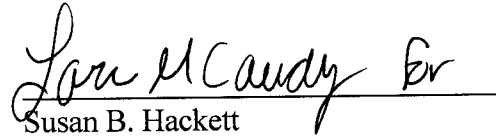
State v. Derringer Young in this Court on March 20, 2014. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Quashon G. Middleton in the Supreme Court on March 13, 2014. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. John Bonner in this Court on March 7, 2014. Counsel argued in the case of State v. Damien Inman in the Supreme Court on March 4, 2014. Counsel argued in the case of State v. Jeffrey Dodd Thomas in this Court on March 3, 2014. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Julia Gorman in this Court on February 27, 2014. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. James Anderson in this Court on February 27, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jerome Chisholm v. State in the Supreme Court on February 20, 2014. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Sam Harold Smith in this Court on February 20, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Roger Williams in this Court on February 19, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Shaheen Cabbagestalk v. State in the Supreme Court on February 11, 2014. Counsel argued in the case of State v. David Gerrard Johnson in this Court on February 6, 2014. Counsel re-argued in the case of The State v Kendrick Littlejohn in this Court on February 5, 2014. Counsel argued in the case of Sandra Richardson v. State of South Carolina in this Court on February 3, 2014.

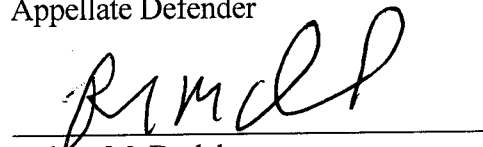
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

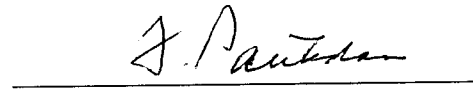
4. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final** thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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,

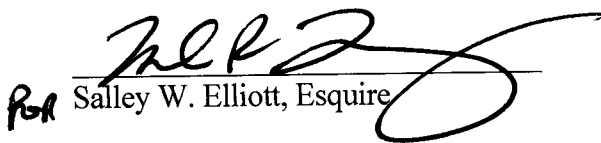

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April 4, 2014

I DO NOT OPPOSE:


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