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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Jenny Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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RE: McAlhaney v. McElveen
Case Tracking No. 2010-167969

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The respondent recently filed a request to extend the deadline for serving and filing his initial brief. Given the circumstances, I certainly consent to the motion.

I would also like to make a respectful suggestion. Due to this case's unusual history, I think it might be appropriate for the Court to consider expediting its review of this matter once briefing closes. This case has been pending in the appellate court system since July of 2010. It has suffered extensive delays that were due primarily to the fact that the court reporter lost a significant portion of the trial transcript. The result of this delay is that an appeal that would normally have been resolved some time in 2012 will not be resolved until 2014. This is obviously not the Court's fault, but my own view is that this case's proper place in the line for decision has come and gone. At the appropriate time, I will be making a formal motion to this effect.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. If you have any questions, need any additional information, or if I may be helpful to you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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