

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County
Doyet A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2012-213596

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT, **RECEIVED**

v.

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CLEOPUS N. EDWARDS, Jr.,

SC Court of Appeals

APPELLANT

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO EXTEND FILING OF
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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The Respondent, above-named, hereby makes a motion to this Court to extend the time for filing the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter until May 23, 2014. This matter is due on April 23, 2014. This fourth and final request is due to other business personal events in state and federal court, particularly the second week of a death penalty PCR ongoing in Spartanburg County before Judge Cole in Torres v. State. Below-signed counsel is advising opposing counsel Arthur K. Aiken by copy of this motion this date and will request his consent.

I.

Since the initial request, counsel has been preparing a Return for filing in the federal habeas action of Jabbar Straws v. Warden, preparation of a Brief in Opposition for the U.S. Supreme Court in Billy W. Cope v. State due to be filed May 6, 2014, travel to Bishopville, SC

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on March 21 for a status conference in the death penalty PCR of Quincy Allen v. State before Judge Cothran, filed a Final Brief of Respondent and Supplemental Record filed on March 25, 2014 in State v. Daniel D'Angelo Jackson, filed a Supplemental Return in the federal habeas matter in Therl Taylor v. Warden on March 27, 2014, and filed a Supplemental Return in Joshua Jeter v. Warden in federal court on March 27, 2014 and on March 27, 2014 filed a motion to alter and amend in Fredrick Evins v. State – a death penalty PCR action before Judge Gary Hill, made a response to a motion to reconstruct in State v. Tavoris Hurst on March 29, 2014; prepared and argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court on April 1, 2014 in State v. Jaquin Brewer; prepared and argued before the South Carolina Court of Appeals on April 10, 2014 in State v. Richey Boyd and State v. Lamar Williams; traveled to Spartanburg on April 11, 2014 for witness preparation for death penalty PCR hearing and the hearing ongoing from April 14-16, 21-25, 2014 before Judge Cole in Andres Torres v. State.


II.

In the next thirty days, below-signed counsel has the following matters scheduled: a Brief in Opposition in the United States Supreme Court in Billy Wayne Cope v. South Carolina on May 7, travel to Spartanburg from April 21-25, 2014 for the continuing PCR hearing in Andres Torres v. State before Judge Derham Cole, federal habeas return on May 1, 2014 in Jabbar Straws v. State (extended twice, an initial brief of respondent due on April 23, 2014 in State v. Kevin Letmon (extended once), a federal habeas corpus return due in Bryan Ladner v. Warden on April 28, 2014 and a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Herman Hughes v. State in the Court of Appeals projected to be due on April 28, 2018; a federal habeas corpus return in Kevin Mellette v. Warden on April 28; an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals on May 5, 2014 in State v. Reginald Canty; a certiorari petition in the death penalty

PCR appeal in Kenneth Simmons v. State due in the South Carolina Supreme Court on May 5, 2014; a federal habeas return due on May 5 in Mecca Evans v. Warden on May 5, 2014; a federal habeas corpus return in Tiffany Elmore v. State on May 5, 2014; the brief in opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court in Billy W. Cope v. S.C. on May 6, 2014; an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in State v. Victor White on May 6, 2014; a federal habeas corpus return due in Robert Whittaker v. State on May 16, 2014; John Hughey v. State, Brief of Petitioner on certiorari due May 16, 2014, and a federal habeas return due in Bobby Rice v. Warden on May 27, 2014.

III.

Respondent's below-signed counsel establishes the following priority for pleadings:

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1. Brief in Opposition in the United States Supreme Court in Billy Wayne Cope v. South Carolina on May 7.
 2. Return to Certiorari – Orlando Smith v. State (DNA Access Appeal) (4th extension) – projected due April 28.
 3. State v. Roderquiz Cook – Initial Brief of Respondent projected due May 14 (4th extension).
 4. Initial Brief of Respondent in State v. Cleopus Edwards (3 extensions) projected due May 23, 2014.
 5. Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Herman Hughes v. State in the Court of Appeals projected to be due on April 28, 2018.
 6. Certiorari Petition - Kenneth Simmons v. State – due May 5, 2014- S.C> Supreme Court
 7. Federal Habeas Return on May 1, 2014 in Jabbar Straws v. State (extended twice).

8. John Hughey v. State , Brief of Petitioner on Certiorari – South Carolina Supreme Court - due May 16, 2014,

III.

Wherefore Respondents respectfully request an extension of a period of thirty days up to and including May 23,2014 to complete this Initial Brief of Respondent.

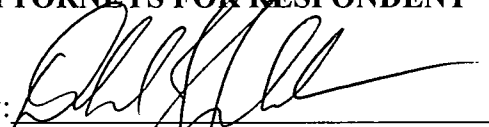
Respectfully submitted,

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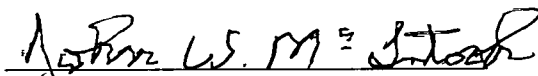
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I concur the extraordinary circumstances have been shown.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Donald J. Zelenka, hereby certify that I have served Respondents **Motion to Enlarge**

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Re: The State v. Cleophus Edwards
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find a Motion to Enlarge Time for Filing Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-captioned matter for filing in your office. By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with same.

Sincerely,

Lonetta B. Brawley
Legal Assistant to Donald J. Zelenka
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure

cc: Arthur Aiken, Esquire
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