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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearhouse
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Attn. Debbie Hopkins
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Howard Hammer v. Shirley Hammer
1634 Main, LP v. Shirley Hammer v. Howard Hammer
Appellate Case No. 2014-0900965

Dear Mr. Shearhouse:


I represent the Appellants, Howard Hammer and 1634 Main, LP, in the above captioned appeal. I am writing to request a thirty (30) day extension of time to file and serve my clients' initial brief and initial designation of matter. These filings are now due on June 20, 2014, and the extension will extend that due date to July 21, 2014.

In the thirty days since receiving the transcript I have had one civil trial and a federal criminal case. The federal criminal case had about four thousand (4,000) pages of discovery, and I spent almost two weeks reviewing those materials. I have also worked on an appellate brief in a criminal appeal pending in the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Also, the parties to this appeal are involved in promising negotiations that may lead to the settlement of this case. Obviously a settlement would alleviate the need for the court and the parties to expend substantial time and money in pursuing this appeal in a case that may ultimately settle.

Although I have not seen it, I understand that the Respondent's attorney, Desa A. Ballard, is sending a letter to you in which she consents to this extension. I have enclosed a \$25.00 check for our filing fee.

Sincerely,


Arthur K. Aiken

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Enclosure as stated

cc: Desa A. Ballard (via email w/o enclosure)