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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge

IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND
TREATMENT OF CHRISTOPHER TAFT,

APPELLANT

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Christopher Taft respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days, **until August 27, 2012** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be served and filed with the Court **Friday, July 27, 2012**.
2. Counsel for Mr. Taft respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. On 25, 2012, counsel filed the petitions for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in State v. Kevin Epting and State v. Joel Robinson with this Court and the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. David Jakes in the Court of Appeals. On July

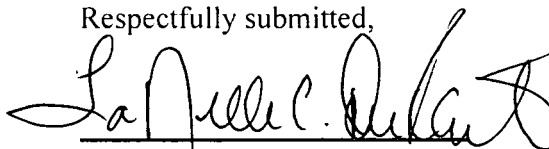
18, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in State v. Clarence Bamberg in this Court. On July 16, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellate and designation of matter on State v. David N. Rhoad in the Court of Appeals, the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix on Michael D. Day v. State in this Court, and brief of appellant in State v. Michael Milledge in the Court of Appeals. On July 13, 2012, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in State v. Andre Maurice Massey and State v. Jake Antonio Wilson in this court. On July 11, 2012, Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Reggie Pinkney in the Court of Appeals. On July 9, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Danny Lee Thomas in the Court of Appeals. On July 5, 2012, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Johnnie Simmons with the Court of Appeals. On June 28, 2012, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in State v. James Robert Nash with this Court. On June 21, 2012, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in State v. Bennie Golston with the Court of Appeals. On June 19, 2012, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Christopher Whitehead before the Court of Appeals. On June 13, 2012, counsel filed the brief of petitioner and appendix in the case of State v. Theodore Wills and the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request as shown by signature below.

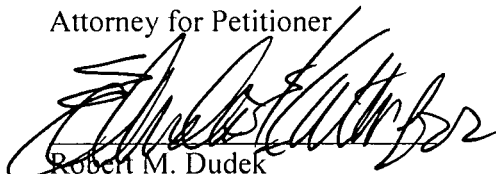
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension, until **August 27, 2012**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

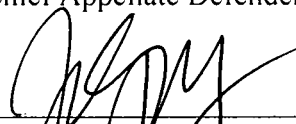


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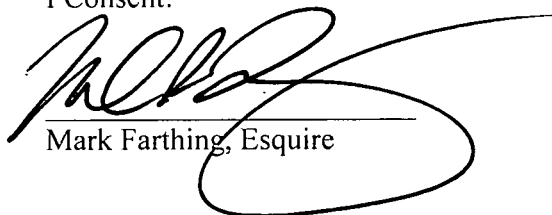
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General Counsel

This 26th day of July, 2012

I Consent:



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