

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Supreme Court

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APPEAL FROM ABBEVILLE COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas  
Alexander S. Macaulay, Circuit Court Judge

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Case No. 2000-CP-01-210  
Appellate Case Number: 2010-170387

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John Kennedy Hughey, Respondent/Petitioner

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v.

The State,

Petitioner/Respondent.

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

Respondent/Petitioner's Petition for  
Extension of Time to File Mr. Hughey's Brief

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Counsel for Mr. Hughey respectfully petitions this Court for an additional 10 days to file his reply brief of petitioner. Pursuant to this Court's order number 2009-03-18-01, this petition is the first request for an extension. In support of this petition, counsel shows:

- 1) This case involves cross-appeals of an Order granting Mr. Hughey a new capital sentencing hearing.
- 2) On January 12, 2011, the State filed its petition for writ of *certiorari*. On March 29, 2011, Mr. Hughey filed his return to the State's petition.
- 3) On April 29, 2011, Mr. Hughey filed his petition for writ of *certiorari*. On August 11, 2011, the State filed its return to Mr. Hughey's petition. On September 2, 2011, Mr. Hughey replied.

4) By order dated April 16, 2014, this Court granted both the State and Mr. Hughey's cross-petitions for writs of *certiorari*.

5) During the *certiorari* petition phase of this appeal, both counsel for Mr. Hughey were public defenders for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, handling this appeal *pro bono* because of a conflict in interest of the Office of Appellate Defense. The PCR Court granted Mr. Hughey a new sentencing hearing based, in part, on ineffective assistance of appellate counsel.

6) Counsel are now in private practice and continue their *pro bono* representation of Mr. Hughey during this appeal.

7) Mr. Hughey served his Brief of Petitioner on June 16, 2014. The State served its Brief of Respondent on September 22, 2014.

8) Because of other professional obligations, counsel has not had sufficient time to complete the brief consistent with their duty to provide effective assistance of counsel as guaranteed by the U.S.C.A. 6, 14. *See Evitts v. Lucey*, 469 U.S. 387 (1985) (to be effective appellate counsel must give assistance of such quality as to make appellate proceedings fair); *Martinez v. Ryan*, 132 S. Ct. 1309, 182 L. Ed. 2d 272 (2012) (inadequate assistance of counsel at initial-review collateral proceedings may establish cause for a prisoner's procedural default of a claim of ineffective assistance at trial). *See also Ezell v. State*, 345 S.C. 312, 548 S.E.2d 852 (2001); *Southerland v. State*, 337 S.C. 610, 524 S.E.2d 833 (1999); South Carolina Bar Ethics Advisory Committee, Advisory Op. 04-12 (2004) (citing the 2002 ABA maximum caseload standards of 25 appeals). *See generally Polk County v. Dodson*, 454 U.S. 312 (1981); *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335 (1963).

9) Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Counsel, therefore, respectfully requests a 10-day extension to Monday, October 13, 2014 in which to file Mr. Hughey's reply brief.

IT IS SO MOVED.

Respectfully submitted,

By

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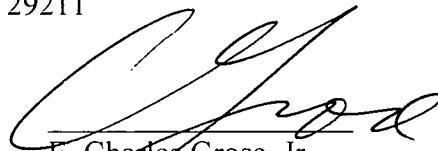
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