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**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Edgar Brown Building  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: B. Gibbs Leaphart, Jr. vs. J. B. Watts Company, Inc. and J. B. Watts  
Civil Action No.: 2011-CP-23-03347  
Appellate Case No.: 2012-211922  
Our File No.: 6238/1500

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Due to other case demands and scheduling reasons, Appellant B. Gibbs Leaphart, Jr. ("Leaphart") respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension to file his Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in this case pursuant to Rules 208 and 240 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. This is the first extension request by Leaphart. No party will be prejudiced by this extension.

The current due date for Leaphart's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter is July 2, 2012. Per our calculations, Leaphart's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter will be due on Wednesday, August 1, 2012, after this thirty (30) day extension. I ask that the current deadline be held in abeyance pending the Court's consideration of this request.

The check for \$25.00 is enclosed as the required motion fee. I thank the Court for its kind consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Susan Taylor Wall, Esquire

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