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Appeal from Pickens County  
G. Edward Welmaker, Circuit Court Judge

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOSEPH A. DRACHSLIN, SR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000945

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case, **based upon medical problems beyond counsel's control**. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

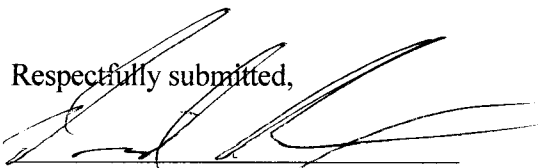
1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Manuel Antonio Marin with the Supreme Court on December 11, 2014. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Michael D. Hall v. State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on December 9, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Thomas Earnest

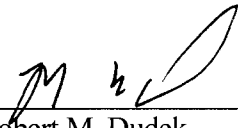
Webb v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on November 19, 2014. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Joshua A. Reed with this Court on November 13, 2014. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Shawn William Sharpe with this Court on November 12, 2014. On November 7, 2014, counsel spoke at a Seminar for South Carolina Magistrate Judges. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jamar Lavert Belk v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on November 4, 2014. Counsel was a speaker during the group sessions for the Appellate Practice Project on October 30, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Kelvin Jackson with this Court on October 30, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Christopher W. Berke with this Court on October 29, 2014.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

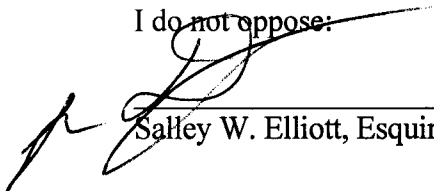
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
David Alexander  
Appellate Defender

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

I do not oppose:

  
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Salley W. Elliott, Esquire