

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Certiorari to Horry County
Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

V.

ARMANDO K. CHESTNUT,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2013-002123

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

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until February 11, 2015**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. **Counsel will attempt to file the brief before the requested deadline if at all possible.** 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 filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel **regrets having to ask for this extension** but respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. **Counsel filed the seven issue, 111 page initial brief of appellant and designation of matter**

in the death penalty case of The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with the Supreme Court yesterday, January 8, 2015, with co-counsel. Counsel will catch up on his caseload, including filing the brief in this case in the near future.

3. Counsel is working on and will be filing the reply to the brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari filed by the Attorney General's Office on December 31, 2014 in the death penalty case of Bayan Aleksey v. State of South Carolina with the United States Supreme Court. Counsel is also working on and will be filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of John William Dixon v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2015. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight.**

4. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Victor Weldon with this Court on December 31, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Torren Marquize Eady with this Court on December 22, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rodney Thompson v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 19, 2014. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Charles Monroe Harris with the Supreme Court on December 18, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Martha Elizabeth Hale with this Court on December 16, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Marcus Greene with this Court on December 12, 2014. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Derrick McDonald before the Supreme Court on December 11, 2014. Counsel also filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. South Carolina v. Manuel Marin with co-counsel David Alexander 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, et al. before the Supreme Court on December 9, 2014. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Michael A. Hough v. The State which he assisted Appellate Defender Lara Caudy in preparing to argue for him before this Court on December 8, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Tommy Toomer v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 8, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Laborse Macon with this Court on December 5, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Michael Rogers with the Supreme Court on December 4, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Jefferson Perry with the Supreme Court on December 4, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Anthony K. Blakney with the Supreme Court on December 4, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ryan P. Deleston with this Court on December 3, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Antonio Miller with this Court on December 1, 2014. Counsel filed the United States certiorari petition in the case of Bayan Aleksey v. State of South Carolina on November 24, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Richard Keith Poe v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on November 21, 2014. Counsel attended a PCR Hearing on November 18, 2014 in Richland County in the case of Quincy Jovan Allen v. The State. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Sammie Louis Stokes v. State of South Carolina (death penalty case) with the Supreme Court on November 12, 2014, with co-counsel Keir Weyble.

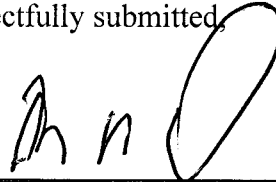
5. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload

will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

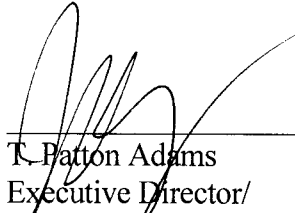
6. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until February 11, 2015**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



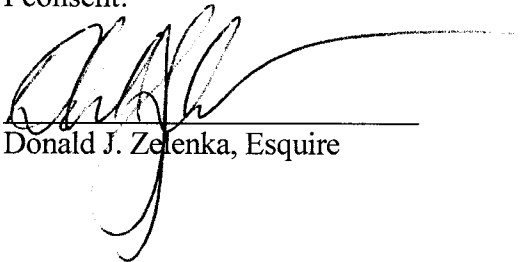
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



T. Patton Adams
Executive Director/
J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

This ~~12~~¹³th day of January, 2015.

I consent:



Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire