

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Pickens County

Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge

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S.C. Supreme Court

JOHN FOREST HAM, JR.,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001608

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND APPENDIX**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension, until March 4, 2015**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today, having been extended by two prior orders of this Court.
2. **Counsel started working with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Division of Appellate Defense on September 25, 2014.** Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Mack Washington in the

Court of Appeals on January 30, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Clifton D. Cooke in the Court of Appeals on January 13, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Claudius Adrian Williams in the Court of Appeals on January 7, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Todd F. Smith v. State in the Supreme Court on December 31, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Alphonso Simmons v. State in the Supreme Court on December 12, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jaleel Page v. State in the Supreme Court on December 8, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Tonya Mcalhaney in the Court of Appeals on December 5, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Randy Howze in the Court of Appeals on November 25, 2014. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Pernell Byas in the Court of Appeals on November 14, 2014. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of George T. Middleton v. State with the Supreme Court on October 15, 2014.

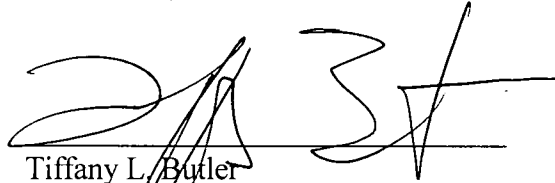
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel is striving to limit the number of extensions requested. Counsel is attempting to complete the cases with the most number of extensions first.

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

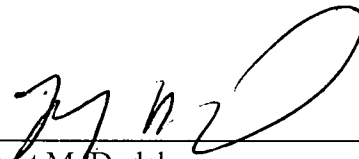
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension, until March 4, 2015**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and

appendix in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



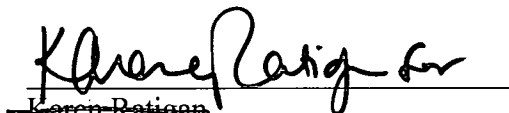
Tiffany L. Butler
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Robert M. Dudek
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February 2, 2015

I DO NOT OPPOSE:


~~Karen Ratigan~~
Ashley McMAHAN