

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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

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 Armando K. Chestnut respectfully requests a **final twenty-one (21) day extension, until March 4, 2015** in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. 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. **The transcript is 1,079 pages long.**
2. Counsel for Armando K. Chestnut respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. *Counsel regrets having to request this extension and will make every effort to file the brief prior to the thirty day deadline.*

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3. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight. Counsel also has been training three new appellate defenders to include reading their briefs and certiorari petitions. Counsel will make every effort to have extensions down within the next month.**

4. Counsel filed the two issue initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ronald Lee Legg with this Court on February 10, 2015, which involved a novel issue of law. Counsel filed the return to motion to seal or strike the initial brief of appellant in the case of State of South Carolina v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with the Supreme Court on February 9, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant (3 issues) and designation of matter in the case of State v. Christina Reece with this Court on February 6, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. James Scott Cross with this Court on February 4, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Keith Letmon before this Court on February 3, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Shedrix Steward with this Court on January 30, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Albert Brandeberry with this Court on January 29, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Paul Leslie Cox v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Jason A. Bauman with the Supreme Court on January 26, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Penn with this Court on January 23, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Turuk Saunders v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 21, 2015. Counsel filed the reply to brief in opposition to petition for writ of certiorari filed by the Attorney General's Office on December 31, 2014 in the death

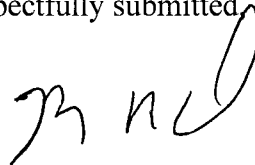
penalty case of Bayan Aleksey v. State of South Carolina with the United States Supreme Court on January 15, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State in the case of John William Dixon v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix and supplemental appendix in the case of John William Dixon v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 13, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter (7 issues and 111 pages) in the death penalty case of The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with the Supreme Court on January 8, 2015. 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.

5. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel is working first on cases that have been extended three times in an effort to make his caseload more manageable and reduce the number of extensions **in the near future**.

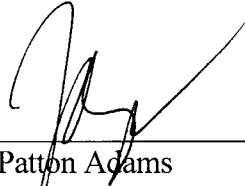
6. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final twenty-one (21) day extension, until March 4, 2015**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. **Counsel will endeavor to file the brief before that deadline if at all possible.** Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted



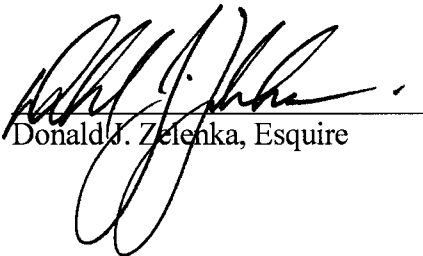
Robert M. Dudek
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J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

This 11th day of February, 2015.

I consent:



Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire

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