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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
The Honorable L. Casey Manning, Circuit Court Judge
Case No.: 2004-CP-10-40-3521

Appellate Case No. 2015-000172

William A. Thompson, #145029,

Petitioner,

v.

Jon Ozmint, Director, S.C. Dept. of Corr;
Dennis Patterson, Records, S.C. Dept. of Corr.,

Defendants,

Of whom South Carolina Department of Corrections is the

Respondent.

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE AND
SERVE RESPONDENT'S RETURN**

Counsel for the Respondent moves pursuant to Rules 240 and 263(b), SCACR, for a thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file and serve Respondent's Return. The grounds for this motion are that there is good cause to grant the requested extension as set forth:

- 1) This is the first request for an extension of this type by Respondent's counsel;
- 2) Respondent current deadline for filing its Return is February 23, 2015;
- 3) The undersigned is beginning a week long trial in federal court on February 24, 2015 and preparing for trial has taken a substantial amount of counsel's time in addition to preparing a case for trial in state court set for a date certain beginning March 17, 2015.

4) Due to the undersigned's current caseload, additional time is needed to complete the brief.

WHEREFORE Respondent's counsel prays for an Order extending the time in which to file and serve Respondent's Return in this case until March 25, 2015.

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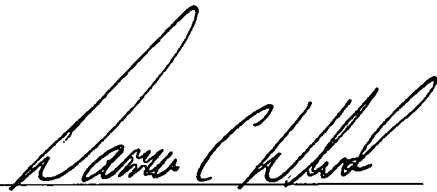
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I have this day caused to be served upon the persons named below the attached **Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondent's Return** in the above-captioned matter via United States mail, first-class postage prepaid, to the following:

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Columbia, South Carolina
February 23, 2015