

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas
The Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2014-001764

S.C. Supreme Court

DIANE ELIZABETH BROWN, 344449,

PETITIONER,

v.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT,

**PETITIONER'S MOTION
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

THIS MATTER comes before the Court by way of an appeal from a Post-Conviction Relief Order. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due for filing on today's date. Today I had a Reply to the State's Motion for Summary Judgment due in a Federal habeas action in U.S. District Court, as well as a Brief of Petitioner and two Petitions for Writ of Certiorari due in this Honorable Court. The client in the case where my Brief of Petitioner was due today notified me last week that he had made parole and wished to withdraw the belated direct appeal granted to him by this Court. Although I had nearly completed my work on the brief for that client, his request to withdraw this appeal resulted in me having to draft a lengthy affidavit for his signature in order to fully document the scope of the advice I had given him regarding the potential consequences of that request. In addition, the Reply that was due today in the Federal Habeas matter required more of my time than I had originally anticipated. Because of these matters, I was unable to complete my final draft on this Petition on today's date. I had hoped that I would be able to file this Petition today, and therefore had the Appendix delivered to the Court earlier

this afternoon. Because my other scheduled obligations for this date took longer than I anticipated, I was not able to complete my final draft of this Petition today. I now respectfully request a fifteen (15) day extension of time in which to prepare and submit my Petition for Writ of Certiorari on behalf of this client.

Because it did not become evident that I could not finish this Certiorari Petition this evening until late this afternoon I was not able to obtain opposing counsel's position on this request. I am providing Daniel Gourley, Assistant Attorney General, a copy of this motion by mail, and have requested that he inform the Court of his position on this request directly and copy me on that correspondence. (In compliance with *In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, S. C. Sup. Ct. Order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1). I no longer have an associate in my law firm, and therefore can not have another lawyer in my firm certify the necessity of the extension.

Ordinarily I would stay at my office into the night to complete this petition to avoid needing to ask for a fourth extension in this matter, however, my eighty-five (85) year old father is having outpatient eye surgery very early in the morning and I am responsible for driving him there and remaining with him until they release him to go home. For that reason, I am reluctantly asking for an additional fifteen (15) days in which to file this certiorari petition on behalf of Petitioner. I appreciate the Court's consideration in this matter and do not anticipate any further extension requests for this stage of this PCR appeal.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

This 2nd day of March, 2015

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a copy of the Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time in the above-entitled case has been served upon opposing counsel this the 2nd day of March, 2015, by mailing one (1) copy in a stamped envelope properly addressed to:

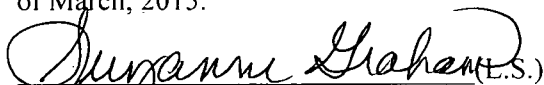
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SWORN TO BEFORE me this 2nd day
of March, 2015.



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Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 2/28/24

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RE: Diane Elizabeth Brown, 344449, v. State of South Carolina;
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Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed for filing please find the Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time and my Certificate of Service in the above-captioned case. I would appreciate your clocking and returning the extra copy enclosed in the envelope provided. I am very sorry to have needed to ask for this fourth extension, however, I simply had no choice given everything on my calendar for today. I apologize for having the appendix in this case delivered earlier today. I frankly hoped to get this done today and simply wanted to avoid mailing a very heavy Appendix. If it were not for my dad's eye surgery very early in the morning, I would just stay here tonight to finish this petition. I will get this petition filed as quickly as I can. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T".

Tara Dawn Shurling
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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Enclosures

cc: Daniel Gourley, Assistant Attorney General (w/enclosures)