

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

 ORIGINAL

Appeal from Marlboro County
Howard P. King, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

GEORGE CHAVIS,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case. No. 2011-188568

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. **Counsel had back surgery on July 25, 2012. Counsel was only able to return to work full time on Monday, August 13, 2012 putting him behind schedule on this case.**

3. Counsel is preparing for the remand hearing in the case of State v. Richard Gagnon scheduled for September 4, 2012 in Horry County. In addition, Counsel is currently working on two death penalty cases: Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State (with Co-Counsel David

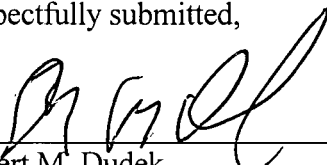
Alexander) and James Robertson v. State (with Co-Counsel Matt Bogan, pro bono, of the Nelson Mullins firm). Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Adams Gibson v. State with the Supreme Court on July 23, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Richard Bernard Moore v. State, (capital case) with Co-Counsel Susan Hackett, with the Supreme Court on Wednesday, July 18, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Charles E. Copeland v. State with the Supreme Court on July 9, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Garvin Duvall (in the COA) with the Supreme Court on June 29, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Christopher Heller with this Court on June 28, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Derrick McDonald in this Court on June 19, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Robert S. Jolly with this Court on June 15, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Brandon M. with this Court on June 13, 2012, arguing a directed verdict of acquittal should be issued. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Jerry Buck Inman v. South Carolina with the Supreme Court of the United States on June 11, 2011. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Tracy B. with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Tommy Toomer in this Court on June 6, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in State v. Andre T. Richardson with this Court on June 1, 2012.

4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

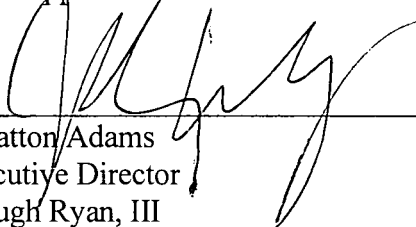
5. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,




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

August 15, 2012

~~I DO NOT OPPOSE:~~



Salley W. Elliott

