

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County
James R. Barber, III, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STEWART ARD,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001463

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a 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 filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Dominique Lavar Williams with this Court on March 9, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Tyrell Woods with this Court on March 6, 2015. Counsel filed petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Akeem O. Smith with this Court on March 4, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Gerald R. Williams in this Court on February 27, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Joseph Anthony

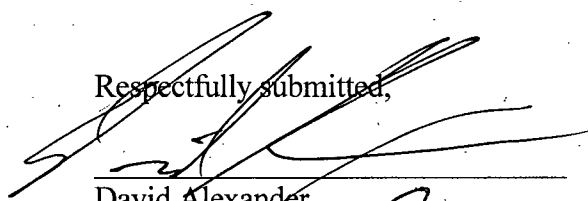
Drachslin, Sr. in this Court on February 27, 2015. On February 26, 2015, along with co-counsel Robert M. Dudek, counsel filed a Petition for Extraordinary Relief in the Supreme Court in the capital case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Quinton Dewayne Inman v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on February 13, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Robert Wilson Woods with this Court on February 12, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Edgar B. Merrifield with this Court on February 9, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jimmy Turner with this Court on February 5, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Brenda Bratschi in this Court on February 3, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Charles Ray Dean in this Court on February 3, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Lanell Goodwine with this Court on January 30, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Carlos Roberto Lopez with this Court on January 28, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. John Bryan Martin with this Court on January 23, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Darrell L. Goss v. State of South Carolina with this Court on January 20, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Jason Alan Johnson with the Supreme Court on January 20, 2015.

3. 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.

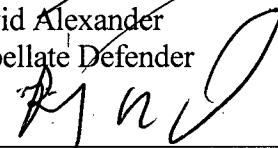
4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a 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,



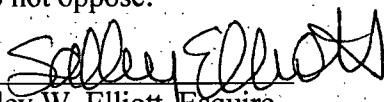
David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

March 19th, 2015

I do not oppose:


Salley W. Elliott, Esquire