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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Certiorari to Richland County

Doyet A. Early, III, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

V.

MAURICE ALPHONSO ROBERTS, JR.,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000468

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until May 6, 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.
2. Counsel for Maurice Alphonso Roberts, Jr. 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. Counsel regrets having to make this final extension request, but it is absolutely necessary.**

3. Counsel has an oral argument in the case of State v. Manual Marin before the Supreme Court on Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Counsel is also working on and will be filing the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Richard Bill Niles, Jr. with the Supreme Court on Thursday, April 9, 2015. **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 prior to their filing.**

4. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Melvin Daniel v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on Thursday, April 2, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Armando K. Chestnut with this Court on April 2, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Albert Brandeberry with the Supreme Court on March 31, 2015. Counsel filed the United States certiorari petition in the case of Richard Moore v. State of South Carolina (3 issues) with the United States Supreme Court on March 23, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. William Pou with this Court on March 19, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Walker Hughes this Court on March 13, 2015. Counsel presented a power-point presentation at the SCACDL Criminal Defense Seminar on March 6, 2015. Counsel **unexpectedly** had to file (with co-counsel, David Alexander) a reply to the return to petition for extraordinary relief in the case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State of South Carolina (death penalty case) with the Supreme Court on March 3, 2015. Counsel traveled to and testified at a hearing in the case of State v. Christopher Stephen Stanko on March 3, 2015. Counsel

**unexpectedly had to file** (with co-counsel, David Alexander) **a petition for extraordinary relief** in the case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. State of South Carolina (death penalty case) with the Supreme Court on February 26, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Victor Weldon with the Supreme Court on February 26, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Antonio Miller with the Supreme Court on February 25, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of Michael A. Hough v. The State of South Carolina with the This Court on February 25, 2015. Counsel filed the merits initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ricky Eugene Passmore with the this Court on February 20, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of James Clayton Helms v. State of South Carolina with this Court on February 13, 2015. Counsel filed the 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. Counsel filed the return to motion to seal or strike 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 the This Court on February 6, 2015.

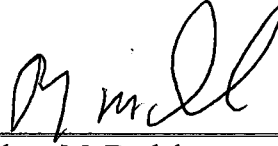
5. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel is working first on cases that have been extended three times in an effort to make his caseload more manageable and reduce the number of extensions in the future.

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 thirty (30) day extension until May 6, 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 the 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,



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

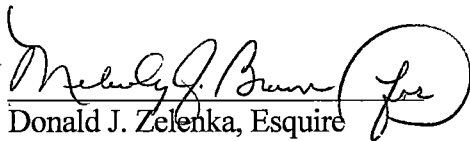


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T. Patton Adams  
Executive Director/  
J. Hugh Ryan, III  
General Counsel

This 6th day of April, 2015.

I consent:



Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire