

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

 ORIGINAL

Appeal from Marion County
D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

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STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

BLATON WAKEEM SMITH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001769

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 had an oral argument in the case of State v. Lamar Sequan Brown with this Court on May 5, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Leonard Eugene Brockington with this Court on May 4, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Darren Scott before the Supreme Court on April 22, 2015, as co-counsel with Robert M. Dudek. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Justin R. Simms with this Court on April 21, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Erick Arroyo in

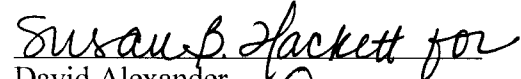
this Court on April 14, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Manuel Marin before the Supreme Court on April 8, 2015, as co-counsel with Robert M. Dudek. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Christopher Terrell Gilyard with this Court on March 26, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. James Kevin Bethel with this Court on March 26, 2015. 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.

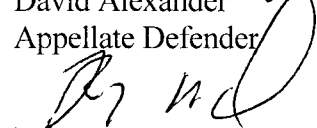
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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.

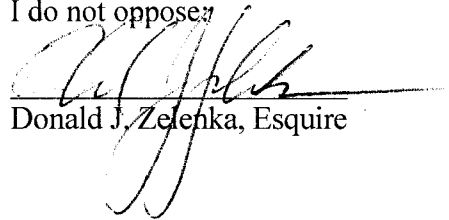
Respectfully submitted,


David Alexander
Appellate Defender


Robert M. Dudek
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May 6th, 2015

I do not oppose:


Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire