

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

 ORIGINAL

Appeal from Beaufort County
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

PRESTON OATES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-000311

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests **final thirty day extension, until June 22, 2015**, 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. Antwan McMillian in this Court on May 20, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Dennis Williams with this Court on May 15, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Cedric Flood v. State with the Supreme Court on May 12, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and

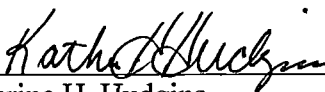
accompanying appendix in the case of Carlton Hamilton v. State with the Supreme Court on April 28, 2015. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. William Wallace with this Court on April 22, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Melvin Stukes with the Supreme Court, on April 20, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of Carmen Rice v. State with this Court on April 16, 2015. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of Michael Witcher v. State in this Court on April 13, 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.

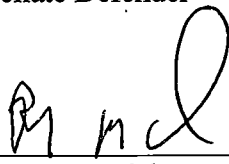
4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until June 22, 2015**. 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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May 22, 2015

I DO NOT OPPOSE:

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