

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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

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STATE,

RESPONDENT,

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SC Court of Appeals

V.

BLATON WAKEEM SMITH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001769

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Blaton Smith respectfully requests a **fourth and final** extension of thirty (30) **until July 6, 2015**, days 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. This is a fourth request for an extension. 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. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Blaton Smith respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

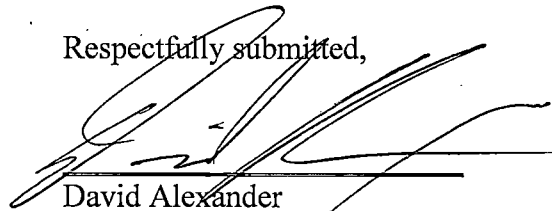
3. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. John E. Haynes with this Court on May 20, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of State v. Stewart Ard with this Court on May 15, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Miama Kromah v. State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on May 7, 2015. 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 the Court of Appeals 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.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

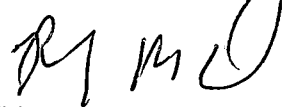
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** until **July 6, 2015**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,




David Alexander
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



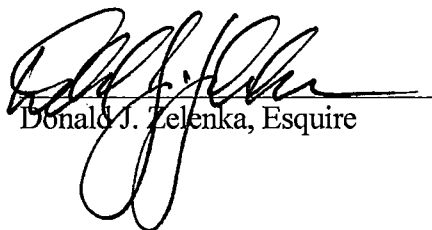
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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

This 5th day of June, 2015.

I consent:



Donald J. Zelenka, Esquire