

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County
Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ODOM BRYANT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000170

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

Counsel, along with co-counsel Reid Sherard, Esquire, of Nelson Mullins, respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days, until August 14, 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. This is a third 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.
2. Counsel respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. This is a joint Appellate Defense – Nelson Mullins pro bono project case.

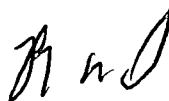
3. Counsel will file the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Rashondre Montese Boozer with this Court today. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Craig Geathers v. State with the Supreme Court on July 10, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Jennifer Lorene Hatfield Griffin with this Court on July 8, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Terry Hall with this Court on June 26, 2015. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Curtis J. Simms in the Supreme Court with co-counsel Susan Barber Hackett and co-counsel David Alexander on June 24, 2015. Counsel filed a redacted brief of appellant and designation of matter in the death penalty case of State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell in the Supreme Court with co-counsel David Alexander on June 18, 2015. Counsel filed a brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Antonio Miller with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. William Pou with the Supreme Court on June 15, 2015. Counsel filed the Return to the Motion to Dismiss as Interlocutory in the case of State v. Bryan Rearick with this Court on June 15, 2015. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Joshua Griffith with this Court on June 12, 2015. Counsel filed a Reply Brief in the case of Richard Bernard Moore v. State in the Supreme Court of the United States with co-counsel Susan Hackett on June 8, 2015. Counsel filed a Return to Motion to Dismiss in the case of John William. Dixon v. State before the Supreme Court on June 8, 2015. Counsel argued the case of State v. Charles M. Harris before the Supreme Court on June 3, 2015. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in Michael A. Hough v. State with the Supreme Court on June 1, 2015, with co-counsel Lara Caudy. Counsel filed the brief with a novel double jeopardy issue in the case of State v. Bryan Rearick with this Court on May 29, 2015. Counsel filed motion to certify case for review

by the Supreme Court in the case of State v. Bryan Rearick with the Supreme Court on May 29, 2015. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, as stated above, training three new appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

4. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, until August 14, 2015 in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

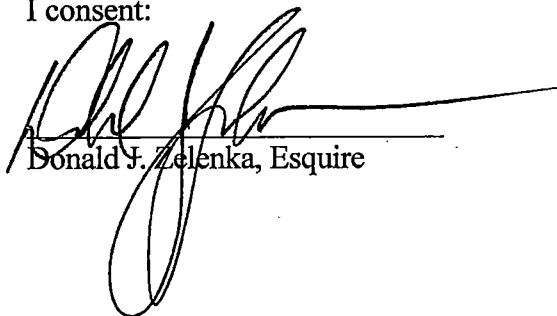


Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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

This 15th day of July, 2015

I consent:



Donald F. Zelenka, Esquire



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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In absence of Hugh Ryan, Deputy Attorney and General Counsel for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and Patton Adams, Executive Director of the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, and pursuant to instructions from Mr. Ryan, I ask that you accept this cover letter as an attempt to comply with the Court's order dated March 18, 2009, in regard to extension requests.

In the attached motion for an extension of time, Chief Appellate Defender, Robert M. Dudek, seeks a thirty day extension of time to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter. Based on that and his extremely heavy case load, as outlined in the motion, he was unable to complete the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter.

Thank you for allowing me to bring this to your attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Lisa Campbell
Assistant Director
South Carolina Commission on
Indigent Defense