

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County  
Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent,

v.

ARMANDO K. CHESTNUT,

Appellant

Appellate Case No. 2013-002123

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**RESPONDENT'S THIRD MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT**

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The Respondent, above-named, hereby make a third motion to the Court to extend the time of filing the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter until August 19, 2015. The Initial Brief of Respondent in the above action is due to be filed July 20, 2015. Respondent's below-signed counsel submits that good cause has been shown:

I.

This motion is made because the Respondent has not been able to respond within the allotted time for the following reasons:

1. Counsel for the undersigned has had a number of other commitments in State and Federal court that have precluded timely completion of the Initial Brief of

Respondent. Since the last request, below-signed counsel filed an Initial Brief of Respondent in State v. Ryan Deleston on June 9, 2015; assisted in the preparation of a Brief of Respondent in James Robertson v. State filed on June 8, 2015; filed an opposition to summary judgment in Mellette v. Warden on June 10, 2015 in the District Court; filed a return and memorandum of law in the habeas case of Sylvester Boone v. Warden on June 15, 2015; filed a habeas return and memorandum of law in the District Court in Abraham Kelty v. Warden on June 15, 2015; and prepared for filing a return and memorandum of law in Landis Moragne v. Warden for June 19, 2015; and is filing an Initial Brief of Respondent in the Court of Appeals in State v. Derekee Johnson on June 25, 2015; filed in the death penalty federal habeas corpus action in Bayan Aleksey v. Warden a response to motion to stay of proceedings for exhaustion of state remedies on June 26, 2015; filed a court-ordered response to the federal court in Favian Hayes v. Warden on on June 26, 2015; filed a return and memorandum of law in the federal habeas corpus matter of Michael Watts v. Warden on June 29, 2015; on June 30, 2009 was present at evidentiary hearing in death penalty PCR hearing in Andres Torres v. State before Judge Cole in Spartanburg, S.C.; on July 1, 2015 filed a return and memorandum of law in federal habeas matter of Terry Davis v. Warden, on July 8, 2015 filed Motion for Extraordinary Relief in the South Carolina Supreme Court in In re Favian Hayes; on July 8, 2015 filed a return and memorandum of law in the federal habeas matter of Steven Roberts v. Warden; on July 9, 2015 prepared a return for the successive post-conviction relief action in Bayan Aleksey v. State; on July 15, 2015 filed a return and memorandum of law in the federal habeas corpus action in Santiago Rios v. Warden, on July 15, 2015 reviewed petition for rehearing for filing in State v. Steven

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Barnes , prepared for filing a federal habeas corpus action a return and memorandum of law in Marcus Greene v. State on July 16-17.

2. Respondent's below signed counsel's current calendar presently has the following projected matters due in the relevant time period.

- a. July 20, 2015 – Ernest Richardson v. Warden – Brief in Opposition – U. S. Supreme Court.
- b. July 20, 2015 – State v. Jeffrey Chronister – Initial Brief of Respondent (2)
- c. July 20, 2015 - State v. Armando Chestnut – Initial Brief of Respondent (2)
- d. July 22, 2015 – Donald Weatherhall v. Warden - FHC Return (1)
- e. July 27 – Samuel Stokes v. Warden – Federal Habeas Corpus Return (2)
- f. July 27 – State v. Kevin Howard – Initial Brief of Respondent (1)
- g. July 27 – State v. John James Bell –DNA Appeal – Return to Petition for Certiorari. (4).
- h. July 27, 2015 – State v. Joshua Griffith – Initial Brief of Respondent
- i. July 28, 2015- Bayan Aleksey v. State – DP PCR Hearing – Judge Early – Barnwell, SC
- j. July 29, 2015 – State v. Sally Memmert – State appeal – Initial Brief of Appellant.
- k. August 3, 2015 – John Wood v. State – Death penalty 2nd PCR – motion for summary judgment due.
- l. August 5, 2015 – State v. Ryan Deleston – Final Brief of Respondent
- m. August 5, 2015 – Berry Bolin v. Warden – FHC Return (1)
- n. August 9, 2015 – Andre Martin v. Warden - FHC Return
- o. August 9 – James Wesley Boone v. Warden – FHC Return.

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- p. August 13, 2015 – State v. Shaheed Hayes – Initial Brief of Respondent
  - q. August 13, 2015 – State v. Blaton Smith – Initial Brief of Respondent
  - r. **August 17, 2015 – State v. Ernest Daise – Initial Brief of Respondent – S.C. Court of Appeals.(projected)(4)**
  - s. August 17, 2015 – Frank Tolen v. Warden - FHC Return
  - t. August 17, 2015 – Marcus Greene v. Warden – FHC Return (1)
  - u. August 19, 2015 – State v. Armando Chestnut (3) (projected).
  - v. August 19, 2015 – State v. Jeffrey Chronister – IBOR (3) (projected)
  - w. August 20, 2015 – State v. Frank Singleton, III – Initial Brief of Respondent.
  - x. September 4, 2015 – Kevin Walton v. Warden - FHC Return.

## II. PRIORTIES

Respondent has established the following highest priorities to insure that no further requests for extensions in this matter will be required:

1. August 17, 2015 – State v. Ernest Daise – Initial Brief of Respondent – S.C. Court of Appeals.(projected)(4)
2. July 27 – State v. John James Bell –DNA Appeal – Return to Petition for Certiorari. (4).
3. July 28, 2015- Bayan Aleksey v. State – Hearing – Judge Early – Barnwell, SC – Death Penalty PCR action - preparation of Return and collateral motions.
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8. August 17, 2015 – Marcus Greene v. Warden – FHC Return (1).

## II.

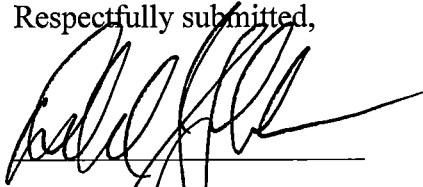
Counsel has contacted opposing counsel Robert Dudek of this request and he has no opposition to the request.

## III.

Wherefore Respondents respectfully request an extension of a period of thirty (30) days up to and including August 19, 2015 to complete the Initial Brief of Respondent upon a showing of good cause for the request.

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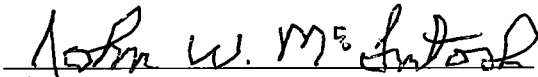
Respectfully submitted,



Donald J. Zelenka  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
S.C. Bar # 5738  
Attorney for Respondent

July 20, 2015

I concur that good cause has been shown.



John W. McIntosh

Chief Deputy Attorney General

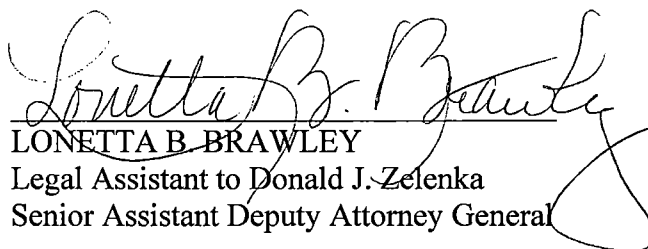
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, **Lonetta B. Brawley**, hereby certify that a true copy of the Motion to extend time to file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above referenced case has been served upon counsel for Appellant by depositing one copy of same in the InterAgency Mail to:

Robert M. Dudek, Esq.  
Chief Appellate Defender  
SCCID/Division of Appellate Defense  
1330 Lady Street, Suite 401  
Columbia, SC 29201

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P. O. Box 11629  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: The State v. Armando K. Chestnut  
Appellate Case No. 2013-002123

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find a Motion to Enlarge Time for filing Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above-captioned matter for filing in your office. By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with same.

Sincerely,

Lonetta B. Brawley  
Legal Assistant to Donald J. Zelenka  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

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Enclosure

cc: Robert M. Dudek, Esquire