

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions  
Robin B. Stillwell, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2011-GS-23-05149-05151

State of South Carolina ..... Respondents

vs.

William A. Butts ..... Appellant.

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, Appellant requests a thirty-day extension of the deadline for filing and serving his initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the record on appeal. The current deadline is August 30, 2012. This is Appellant’s third request for an extension of the briefing deadline. The Court has previously stated that an extension will be given only for good cause shown.

Sally W. Elliott of the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office has been consulted concerning this request, and she consents to this extension of time.

As required in the Supreme Court’s order concerning extensions in direct appeals<sup>1</sup>, the following facts are offered as good cause for the extension:

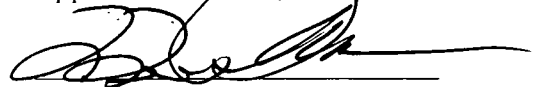
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<sup>1</sup>See *Re: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings*, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order Dated March 18, 2009.

1. Counsel for Appellant informs the Court that his mother entered the hospital on June 30, had surgery, and was hospitalized for two weeks. Since that time, counsel's mother has been home and receiving chemo-therapy and fluid, and counsel has been taking active part in her care.
2. Counsel's wife has been placed on "bed-rest" for the past four weeks, and counsel has also been taking part in her care as well as attempting to handle household duties that are, quite frankly, beyond his abilities.
2. Because of obligations in other cases which include numerous court appearances in both state and federal courts and the above-referenced limits on his work schedule, counsel has been unable to set aside time to properly review the transcript and prepare the brief in this matter.

By their signature below, counsel for the Appellant and his law partner, certify that they believes this extension is warranted. Counsel further regrets having to seek this extension and looks forward to moving the briefing process forward.

Respectfully submitted,  
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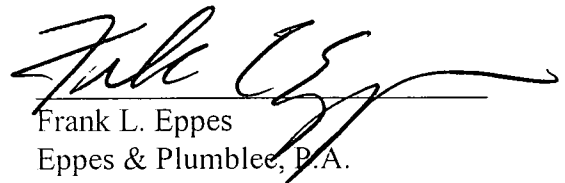
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below he caused to be served upon counsel for the Respondent the Motion for Extension by mailing a copy of the same by United States Mail with first class postage prepaid to the following address.

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