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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

RE: Ex Parte: Tara Dawn Shurling, Attorney, Appellant.  
In Re: State of South Carolina v. Bejay Harley  
Court of Appeals Appellate Case No. 2013-001298  
Supreme Court Appellate Case No. 2015-001580

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am *pro se* Appellant in this appeal. This matter involves an appeal from the circuit court's ruling on Appellant's request for payment of her fees and expenses as court-appointed counsel. My Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due for filing on August 12, 2015. I was in an auto accident on July 8, 2015 and have been receiving physical therapy and traction treatments for a pinched nerve in my back. For that reason on July 22, 2015, I requested a 20 day extension of time in which to file the Certiorari Petition which was due July 23, 2015. Although I am still receiving physical therapy, my condition is much improved. Unfortunately, last week I discovered that a CAT scan for an unrelated issue had revealed a mass on my 85 year old father's pancreas. I am an only child and my mother no longer drives. Between my own physical therapy, and my father's doctor appointments and diagnostic tests, my schedule has prevented me from completing this petition by today's date.

I realize that extension requests on matters on certiorari review from the Court of Appeals are now limited to one twenty day extension. It is my hope that, given my very extenuating circumstances, the Court might make an exception and allow me a second extension. I have two more weeks of physical therapy for the pinched nerve in my back. My father has an appointment next Thursday for a surgical consultation and is expected to have surgery as quickly as possible thereafter. With those issues in mind, I very reluctantly ask that I be granted a thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file this petition. I will make every effort to file this petition earlier than that if at all possible.

Due to the lateness of the hour, I have not spoken with opposing counsel, Hugh Ryan, Deputy Director of South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, concerning this request.

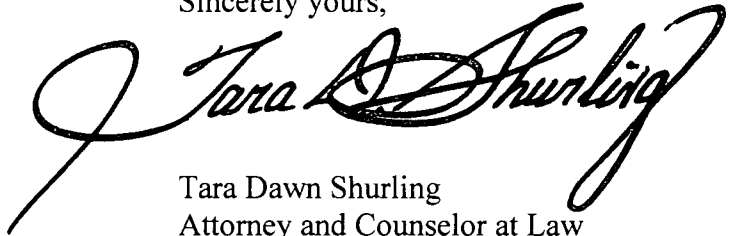
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By copy of this letter, I am asking that he convey his position on this request directly to the Court. With my thanks for your time and assistance, I remain,

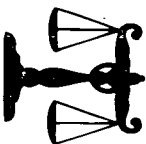
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tara Dawn Shurling". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

Tara Dawn Shurling  
Attorney and Counselor at Law

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cc: Jenny Kitchings, Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Hugh Ryan, Deputy Director and General Counsel SCCID



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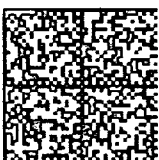
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