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Edward W. Miller, Circuit Court Judge

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Court of Appeals Case No. 2015-001199  
General Session Case No. 2014-GS-30-1477-82

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v.

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**Petition for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief  
and Designation of Matter to be Included in Record on Appeal**

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The appellant, Preston Shands, Jr., petitions this Court for an order extending the time to file his initial brief and designation of matter to be included in the Record on Appeal. This petition is the third request for an extension. This request is based on the following grounds:

1) This appeal, which follows a jury trial, involves convictions for first-degree burglary, attempted murder, kidnapping, possession of a knife during the commission of a violent crime, and assault and battery. The trial court judge imposed live sentences for first-degree burglary, attempted murder, and kidnapping.

2) Having also served as trial counsel, the undersigned is aware of several issues for appeal. Because of the nature of the convictions and sentences, careful briefing and drafting is necessary to prepare the appeal for this Court.

3) In addition to the particulars of this case, this request is based on counsel's workload. Counsel is involved in a number of capital cases including William O. Dickerson, Jr. (a capital PCR) that had an evidentiary hearing scheduled to commence on October 19, 2015 but, based on the unprecedented weather and other matters in the case, was continued to December 7, 2015.

3) This request is made in good faith and is not intended for delay. Counsel believes good cause exists for this extension request.

Ms. Shands, therefore, respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days to December 30, 2015 to file his Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal.

IT IS SO MOVED.

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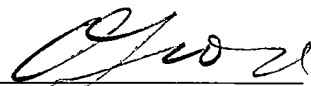
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I certify that I have served the Petition for Extension of Time to File Reply Brief, by placing a copy in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, on the date reflected below, addressed as follows:

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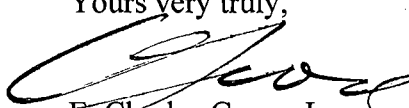
Dear Ms. Kitchens:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of Mr. Shands Petition for a Third Extension to file his initial brief. By copy of this letter to Ms. Elliott, I am serving the State of South Carolina.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,



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cc: Mr. Preston Shands, Jr.  
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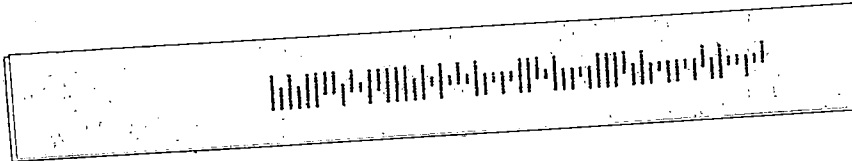


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