

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Colleton County

Perry M. Buckner, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ANDRE T. RICHARDSON,

APPELLANT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The brief of appellant in this case is due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel must prepare for an oral argument in State v. Anthony Gracely before this Court today, May 2, 2012. Counsel must also prepare for an oral argument in State v. Thomas Patrick Hilliard before the Court of Appeals on Monday, May 7, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Anthony Nation with this Court on April 27, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Johnny A. Gainey v. State with this Court on April 24, 2012. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Randy Lee Hill v. State with this Court on April 23, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in

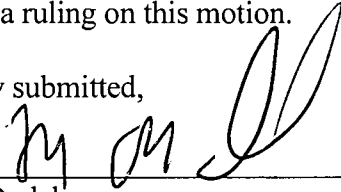
the death penalty case of Brad Keith Sigmon v. State with this Court on April 20, 2012. Counsel is on the public defender's conference planning committee and a meeting was called Wednesday, April 18, 2012, that was unplanned that counsel had to attend. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. David Lewis with this Court, April 13, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent in State v. Robert Jolly #2 with the Court of Appeals on April 6, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of petition in State v. David M. Rocquemore with this Court on April 4, 2012. Counsel is currently working on the death penalty case of Richard Bernard Moore v. State with co-counsel Susan B. Hackett. In addition to the above, counsel has very extensive administrative duties on a daily basis as the Chief Appellate Defender.

4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

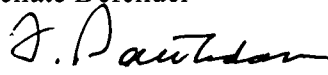
5. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



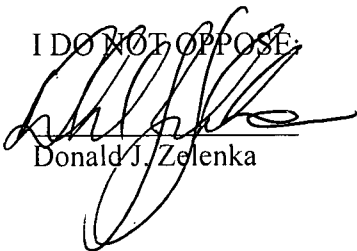
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May 2, 2012

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



Donald J. Zelenka