

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Horry County
Honorable Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case No. 2012-211546

THE STATE,

Appellant,

vs.

MICHAEL J. HILTON,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH
TO SERVE AND FILE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Appellant (“the State”), through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto the Court as follows:

I.

The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed on September 14, 2012.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Appellant moves for a third extension in the above-referenced criminal appeal. Due to work required in other cases pending before the South Carolina Supreme Court and this Court, I am unable to complete this Brief on time. In the past few weeks, the undersigned has

participated in oral argument at this Court in State v. Demetrius Undreus Price and State v. Tarrence Laron Jordan, has submitted Initial Briefs to this Court in State v. Dawson, State v. Brown, State v. Hickson, State v. Hickson, State v. Moore, State v. Keeling, and State v. Walshaw, has filed a Brief of Petitioner in the Supreme Court in State v. Brown, has filed a Reply Brief of Petitioner in State v. Brown, has filed a Petition for Rehearing in this Court in State v. Jenkins, State v. Eaglin, and State v. Blackmon, has filed a Return to Petition for Rehearing in this Court in State v. Salley, has filed a Petition for Certiorari in the Supreme Court in State v. Jamison, State v. Coaxum, State v. Eaglin, and State v. Jenkins, and has filed a Return to Petition for Certiorari in the Supreme Court in State v. Morris, State v. Jamison, State v. Garris, State v. Nicholson, State v. Nash, State v. Massey, and State v. Salley.

III.

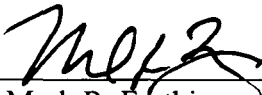
This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the Brief is properly researched and prepared. The Brief in the above case has required significant research because the case involves a significant statutory construction issue on appeal. The undersigned is currently working on the Brief in this case and hopes to have it completed in a timely manner. I would therefore request an extension of time within which to serve and file the Brief.

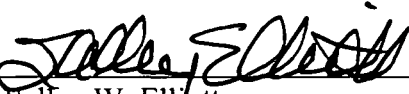
WHEREFORE, Appellant prays that the Court extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty (30) days from the date such relief is granted; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

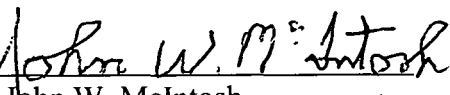
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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Ellen R. DuBois, certify that I have served the within Motion for Fourth Extension of Time Within Which to Serve and File Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter on Respondent by depositing two copies of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.
This 14th day of September, 2012.

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