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

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**RE: Kevin T. Hardy v. State
Appellate Case No. 2015-000096**

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the aforementioned matter is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a second 30-day extension in which to serve and file the Return. This request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this request is necessitated by my workload. In the past month, I have filed a return to petition for writ of certiorari in Derrick Young v. State, a return to petition for writ of certiorari in James Moore v. State, a petition for writ of certiorari in Travell Hill v. State, a petition for writ of certiorari in LaChrisha Miller v. State, and a return to petition for writ of certiorari in Keith DeSue v. State this afternoon. In addition, I prepared for and represented the State at a term of post-conviction relief court in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Ratigan
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar # 68331

cc: Wanda H. Carter, Esquire