

STATE OF SOUTH CAORLINA
IN THE Court of Appeals

Appeal from York County
Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

STATE, RESPONDENT,

V.

ORLANDO COLEMAN, APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000611

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a 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 initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed on or before January 11, 2016.
2. Since receipt of this case file and notice of due date for the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter, the undersigned counsel has been attending to various contested motion hearings and Rules to Show Cause in family court, completing continuing education courses for the 2015 reporting year, attending and negotiating bench trials and pleas in criminal court, attending prior travel plans (including commitments to travel and coach with law school trial teams), administering and grading final assignments for the legal writing course taught at the local law school, and attending to several unanticipated, highly contested custody matters due to the onset of the holiday season.
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to place this matter at a higher priority than other represented matters for the next month so that this initial brief may be completed on or prior to any granted thirty-day extension, should this request be granted, and prevent the need for any similar request in the future.

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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 ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jessica L. Birt', written over a horizontal line.

Jessica L. Birt
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December 21, 2015

CC: Benjamin J. Aplin, Esquire

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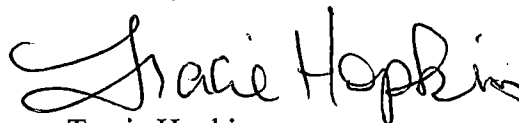
Re: State v. Orlando Coleman
Appellate Case No.: 2015-000611

Dear Clerk,

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the petition for extension to file initial brief of Appellant and designation of matter for the above referenced case.

Upon filing, please return the filed copies to our office via the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



Tracie Hopkins
Paralegal

Enclosures: as stated
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