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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Bryant McKnight v. State of South Carolina: Criminal Appeal

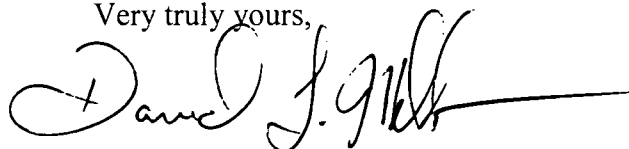
Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter is to request an extension in the above matter. This Initial Brief of Appellant is due on January 11, 2016. I was assigned this case as part of the Criminal Appellate Practice project. However, I was assigned this case over a month after every one else due to a conflict with the original attorney. Since that time, I had to make a 5 day trip to Pennsylvania due to the death of my 93 year old aunt, and for whom I had to serve as a pallbearer at the funeral. Additionally, I have been working of counsel with a local firm who has a case that possibly may be up for trial on January 11. I had hoped to be able to complete this initial brief by the initial deadline. However, based on the size of the transcript and potential issues with the case, I feel I have to request a one-term extension. I will be able to complete the initial brief with an additional thirty (30) day period. I have spoken with Bob Dudek at the Office of Appellate Defense as well as Donald Zelenka at the Attorney General's office, both of whom consent to this extension if the Court would be gracious enough to grant it.

I want the brief to be the best I can do, and due to the circumstances in the last month, I feel a one-term extension will allow me to do so. Therefore, I respectfully request that the Court grant me a one-term extension until February 11, 2016 to complete the Initial Brief of Appellant.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David J. Miller

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Cc: Donald Zelenka
Robert Dudek