

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2013-CP-40-00233

Melinda Richmond, #331874,

Appellant,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001289

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Appellant, Melinda J. Richmond, respectfully requests this Court to grant an extension of time to file a Writ of Certiorari. As grounds for this Motion, Appellant states as follows:

1. A Notice of Appeal was filed on June 17, 2015 regarding Case No. 2013-CP-40-00233.
2. The Division of Appellate Defense then assumed representation of the instant appeal.
3. The South Carolina Supreme Court issued an order on February 18, 2016 relieving the Division of Appellate Defense due to a conflict of interest in handling the appeal.
4. The February 18, 2016 order appointed the undersigned counsel to represent Appellant. The Division of Appellate Defense was also ordered to remain associated with the case for the limited purpose of paying for any necessary transcripts and providing copies of the petition, appendix and briefs.
5. The February 18, 2016 order did not offer a new due date for the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.
6. The Division for Appellate Defense did not provide the undersigned counsel with the Appendix until March 23, 2016.

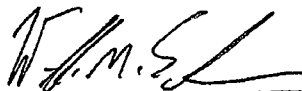
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7. This Court subsequently notified the undersigned counsel on March 25, 2016 that the due date for the Writ of Certiorari was March 18, 2016.

8. An extension of time to file the Writ of Certiorari is proper because the February 18, 2016 order appointing the undersigned counsel did not provide a new due date to file the Writ of Certiorari, the undersigned counsel was recently appointed, the undersigned counsel did not receive the Appendix until March 25, 2016 and the undersigned counsel has not previously requested any extensions of time for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests this Court to grant a thirty (30) day extension of time to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

March 28, 2016



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Motion for Extension of Time on the Respondent by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid on March 28, 2016, addressed to Respondent's attorney of record, Alan Wilson and J. Clayton Mitchell, Post Office Box 11549, Columbia, SC 29211.

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