

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Lexington County SC SUPREME COURT

Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

DEDRIC L. ISRAEL,

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001654

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND  
ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until May 9, 2016**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Today, April 8, 2016, counsel will file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Vander Davon Meetze v. State in the Supreme Court. On April 6, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Adam Young with this Court. Counsel must also prepare for the oral argument on April 13, 2016 in the death

penalty case of State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell in the Supreme Court. Counsel is currently working on the petition for writ of certiorari in the death penalty case of Anthony Woods v. State in the Supreme Court. **The appendix is in excess of 5,400 pages, and co-counsel was forced to go out on maternity leave ahead of schedule. Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, training three new appellate defenders and reading all of their writings. In addition counsel now is reviewing applications and will be scheduling interviews for another Appellate Defender position since Appellate Defender Benjamin Tripp has accepted another position.** On March 29, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Elias James Walker with this Court. On March 23, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Levi C. Wells v. State with the Supreme Court. On March 14, 2016 counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Nathaniel Witherspoon with the Supreme Court. On March 10, 2016 counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Andrew Antonio Clemons with the Supreme Court. On February 25, 2016 counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Ryan P. Deleston with this Court. On February 18, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Edward Rorecuse Young v. State with the Supreme Court. On February 18, 2016, counsel was co-counsel on the death penalty initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Luzenski Allen Cottrell that was filed with the Supreme Court. On February 12, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of David Carmichael v. State with the Supreme Court. On February 8, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Don-Survi Chisolm with the Supreme Court. On January 29, 2016, counsel filed a petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Samuel Thompson, Jr. v. State in the Supreme Court. On January 25, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Harold Bennon

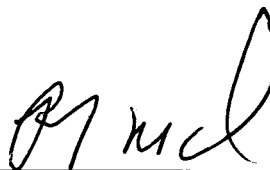
Cartwright with the Supreme Court. On January 15, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Thomas James with this Court. On January 13, 2016, counsel has an oral argument in the case of State v. Whitlee Jones with the Supreme Court. On January 12, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Antonio Miller with the Supreme Court. On January 7, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kenyatta Bryant v. State with the Supreme Court. On January 6, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. David Judson Penn before this Court.

3. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

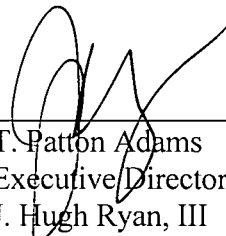
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until May 9, 2016**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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General Counsel

April 8, 2016

I do not oppose:



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