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SC SUPREME COURT

ALAN WILSON  
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April 25, 2016

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Octavia Middleton, #253919 v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2015-001080  
Lower Court Case No. 2014-CP-40-03607

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

J. Clayton Mitchell  
Assistant Attorney General  
S.C. Bar No: 101443

JCM/jcb

In compliance with:

*In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases*, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).

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