

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Oconee County

R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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RESPONDENT

SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

v.

GEROME C. SMITH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001616

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for appellant respectfully requests a **fourth and final** extension of thirty (30) days **until May 20, 2016**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of James Clyde Dill v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on April 18, 2016. Counsel filed the consent motion to hold the appeal in abeyance and remand for resentencing in the case of The State v. Darrell Ervin Raines, Jr. with the Court of Appeals on April 7, 2016. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. John Henry Lowery, II with the Court of Appeals on April 4, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kevin Brown v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on March 25, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Landon T. Sanders v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on March 23, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Michael Staggs v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on March 21, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for petitioner's return to state's motion to dismiss or in alternative to remand the case to general sessions in the case of Donald Roberts v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on March 17, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Taquan Brown with the Court of Appeals on March 14, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Gary Fraley with the Court of Appeals on March 9, 2016.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

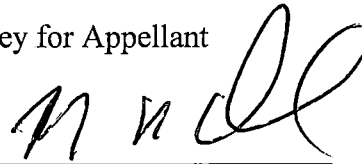
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until May 20, 2016** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



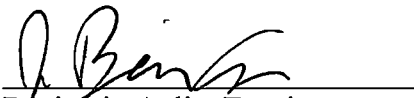
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



T. Patton Adams
Executive Director/
J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

This 20th day of April, 2016.

I consent:


Benjamin Aplin, Esquire