

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

Alison Renee Lee, Circuit Court Judge

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SC SUPREME COURT

CITY OF COLUMBIA,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MARIE-THERESE ASSA'AD-FALTAS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000941

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 June 13, 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 motion to remand in the case of The State v. Joe Ross Worley with the Court of Appeals on May 4, 2016. Counsel filed *White v. State* brief of appellant in the case of Daniel Hamrick v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on May 2, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Daniel Hamrick v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on May 2, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Tony Lee Belton v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on April 28, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Shawn Lee Wyatt with the Court of Appeals on April 20, 2016. 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.

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.

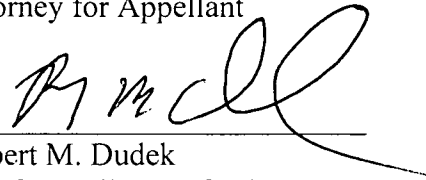
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until June 13, 2016** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



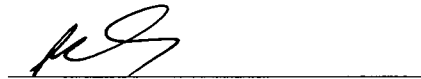
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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

This 13th day of May, 2016.

I consent:



Bruce Greenberg, Esquire