

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Beaufort County

Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

PRESTON R. OATES,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2014-001404

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE
FINAL REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT OUT OF TIME**

Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, Counsel for Preston R. Oates respectfully requests the Court to accept the Final Reply Brief of Appellant in this case out of time. In support of this request, counsel shows:

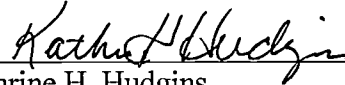
(1) The Final Reply Brief of Appellant was due to be served and filed with this Court on March 31, 2016 in accordance with Rule 211, SCACR.

(2) However, Counsel for Appellant overlooked this item on her calendar. When the error was brought to her attention, it was too late to submit the Final Reply Brief to this Court in a timely manner. Counsel acted immediately upon realizing the error to prepare the Final Reply Brief and file it with this Court along with this Motion.

(3) Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

(4) Counsel for the Attorney General's Office consents to this request as shown by his signature below.

WHEREFORE, counsel for Appellant respectfully requests the Court accept the Final Reply Brief of Appellant as filed out of time.



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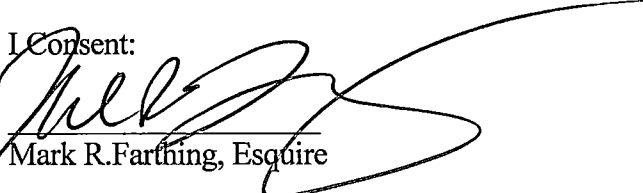
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I Consent:



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