

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Greenville County

G. Edward Welmaker, Circuit Court Judge

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STEVEN COLLINS,

S.C. Supreme Court

PETITIONER,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

Counsel for Steven Collins petitions the Court for a **final two week extension, until May 21, 2012**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case. In support of this petition, counsel shows:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix are due to be filed with the Court today. This is the fourth extension for Mr. Collins. Counsel acknowledges that the previous extension was a final, however, due to caseload, oral arguments, and time away at a conference, counsel was unable to complete this petition.
2. Counsel for Mr. Collins 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.
3. Counsel is preparing for an oral argument, tomorrow, May 8, 2012. Counsel attended a conference last week in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Kareen Lee v. State and the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Andre Jackson v. State on April 27, 2012. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in State v. Bradley Ishman on April

25, 2012. Counsel filed filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Rontell Singletary v. State on April 23, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Thonal Edwards v. State on April 18, 2012 Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Dominic Derricotte v. State on April 5, 2012 and the petition for rehearing in Rodney Murray v. State. Counsel had an oral argument in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Antonio Bordeaux v. State on March 27, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in State v. Mark Baker on March 26, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument before the Supreme Court in Wendell Williams v. State on March 13, 2012. Counsel filed petitions for rehearing in Joseph Walker v. State and State v. Mike Salley on March 8, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Marion Stewart on March 5, 2012.

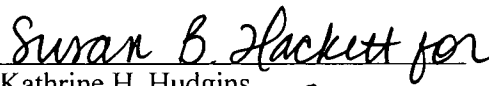
4. Counsel has not had time to complete the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case. As a result, counsel respectfully asks this Court for a **two week extension, until May 21, 2012**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix. Counsel is striving to limit the number of extensions requested. Counsel is attempting to complete the cases with the most number of extensions first.

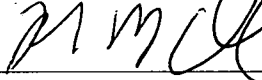
5. As indicated by signature below, Karen Ratigan, of the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, does not oppose this request.

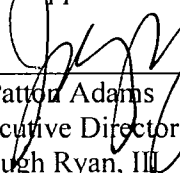
6. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Counsel respectfully requests a **final two week extension, until May 21, 2012**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case based upon the above circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

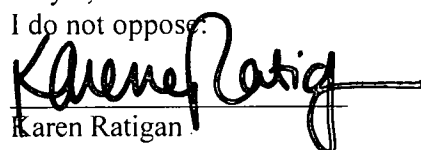

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May 7, 2012

I do not oppose:


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