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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Beaufort County
R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOSEPH BOWERS,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2014-002176

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

Counsel for Joseph Bowers respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days, **until July 5, 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 third 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.
2. Counsel for Joseph Bowers respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. On June 2, 2016, counsel, with co-counsel Miles Edward Coleman, filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Hank Eric Hawes with this Court. On May 27,

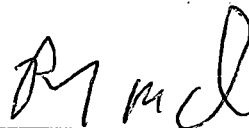
2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jonathan Cody Newman with this Court. On May 23, 2016 counsel, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy, filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Ryan Deleston with the Supreme Court. On May 11, 2016 counsel, with co-counsel Keir M. Weyble, filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Sammie Louis Stokes v. State with the Supreme Court of the United States. On May 11, 2016, counsel, with co-counsel Susan Hackett and David Alexander filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Brett D. Parker v. State with the Supreme Court. On May 11, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Dedric L. Isreal v. State with the Supreme Court. On April 27, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the death penalty case of Anthony Woods v. State with the Supreme Court. On April 27, 2016, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Raheem D. King with the Supreme Court. On April 8, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Vander Davon Meetze v. State with the Supreme Court. On April 6, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. David Young with this Court. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, training four new appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel is working first on cases that have been extended three times in an effort to make his caseload more manageable and reduce the number of extensions in the future.

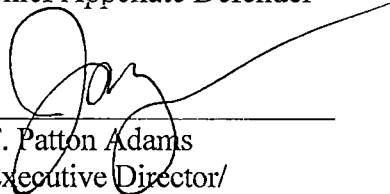
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, **until July 5, 2016**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



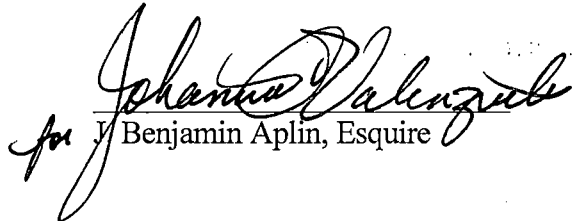
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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

This 3rd day of June, 2016.

I consent:



for Benjamin Aplin, Esquire