

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Florence County

Edgar W. Dickson, Circuit Court Judge  
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VERNELL W. HARRIS,

RESPONDENT,

v.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

Appellate Case No. 2015-002082  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE THE  
RETURN TO THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

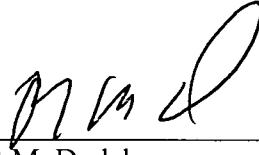
1. The return to the petition for writ of certiorari in this case is due to be served and filed today.
2. On June 23, 2016 counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. James Cross with the Court of Appeals. On June 15, 2016 counsel argued the case of State v. Bryan Rearick in this Court. On June 13, 2016 counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Ricky Eugene Passmore with this Court. On June 2, 2016, counsel was co-counsel to Miles Edward Coleman on the initial reply brief of appellant filed in the

case of State v. Hank Eric Hawes with the Court of Appeals. On May 27, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Jonathan Cody Newman with the Court of Appeals. 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 this Court. On May 11, 2016 counsel was co-counsel to Keir M. Weyble on the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Sammie Louis Stokes v. State that was filed with the Supreme Court of the United States. On May 11, 2016, counsel was co-counsel to Appellate Defender Susan Hackett and Appellate Defender David Alexander on the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of Brett D. Parker v. State that was filed with this Court. On May 11, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Dedric L. Isreal v. State with this Court. On April 27, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the death penalty case of Anthony Woods v. State with this Court. On April 27, 2016, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Raheem D. King with this Court. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and, training five less experienced appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes 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.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the return to the petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R M Dudek', written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

July 5, 2016

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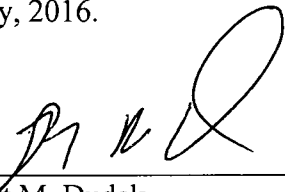
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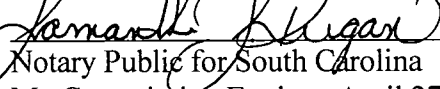
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the above referenced case has been served upon J. Croom Hunter, Esquire, at the Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 5th day of July, 2016.

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 5th day of July, 2016.

  
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(L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: April 27, 2026.