

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Charleston County
Kristi Lea Harrington, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RECEIVED
RESPONDENT,

v.

JUN 15 2016

DARREN KEITH BELT,

SC Court of Appeals

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2015-002350

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

Counsel for Darren Keith Belt respectfully requests a **final extension of thirty (30) days, until July 15, 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 Darren Keith Belt 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 filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Timothy Young v. State with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Yorel Williams v. State with the Supreme Court on June 8, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Lorenzo D. Sullivan v. State with the Supreme Court on June 2, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Marvin Bowens Green v. State with the Supreme Court on May 16, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Albert E. Siders with this Court on May 13, 2016. Counsel filed the reply to return to re-petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Shannon McGee v. State with this Court on May 12, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of DonSurvi Chisolm v. State with the Supreme Court on May 2, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Ashley Eugene Moore v. State with the Supreme Court of the United States on April 26, 2016. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Marvin Brock Johnson with this Court on April 14, 2016. Counsel filed the reply to brief of respondent in the case of Didier Van Sellner v. State with the Supreme Court on April 6, 2016. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Justin Jermaine Johnson with this Court on April 4, 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.

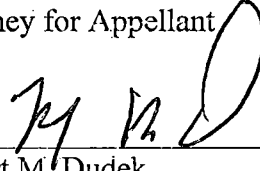
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) days, until July 15, 2016**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

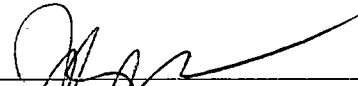


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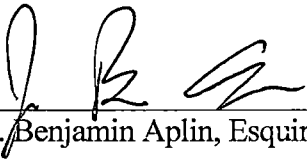
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



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

This 15th day of June, 2016.

I consent:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire