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APPEAL FROM ABBEVILLE COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Circuit Court Judge
On Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals

Case No. 2012-CP-01-00306
Appellate Case No. 2014-000946

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Eugene P. Lawton, Jr., Jeanette Norman, James Robert Shirley, Robert W. Spires, Crystal
Spires Wiley, Lewis S. Williams, Janie Wiltshire, Benjamin Franklin Wofford, Jr., and
Rebecca Hammond Wofford,.....Plaintiffs-Petitioners,

v.

Laura B. Willis and Jesse A. Dantice, individually, and as agents and/or brokers for
Southern Risk Insurance Services LLC, Travelers Casualty Insurance Company of
America, Allied Property and Casualty Insurance Co., Peerless Insurance Co.,
Montgomery Mutual Insurance Co., Safeco Insurance Co. of America, and Foremost
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Insurance Co., and Laurie Williams,.....Defendants,

Of whom Peerless Insurance Co., Montgomery Mutual Insurance
Co., and Safeco Insurance Co. of America are.....Defendants-Respondents,

and

Of whom Laurie Williams is aPetitioner.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

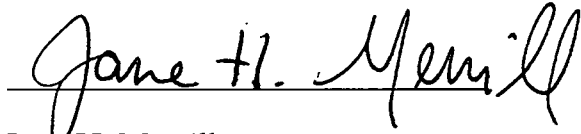
The Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in this matter is currently due July 27, 2016. Pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, Petitioner Laurie Wilson Williams respectfully requests a five-day extension of time to file the Petition and Appendix, to and including August 1, 2016. Petitioner also asks that the Court hold the current deadline in abeyance until an Order is issued on this motion.

The Court has asked parties seeking extensions during the certiorari process to supply grounds for any requested extensions and to limit them to 20 days total. Order 2014-07-16-1. This is Petitioner's first request for an extension, and good cause exists for the request. Since the Court of Appeals denied rehearing in this case on June 27, 2016, Petitioner's counsel was out of the office for an extended trip that was planned more than a year in advance. In balancing this matter with other professional commitments as a sole practitioner, the requested extension is necessary to ensure an adequate opportunity for Petitioner's counsel to prepare the Petition. Lastly, given that the requested extension is only for five days (including two weekend days), it will not significantly delay the Court's consideration of the Petition.

Pursuant to Rule 11, SCRCP, counsel for Petitioner certifies that she has consulted opposing counsel regarding this motion, and opposing counsel consented to the relief requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane H. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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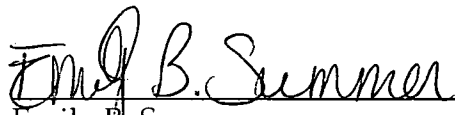
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