

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE Court of Appeals

Appeal from York County
Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

STATE, RESPONDENT,

v.

Orlando Coleman, APPELLANT

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APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-000611

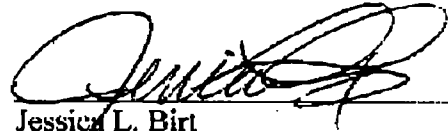
PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
REPLY OF APPELLANT
TO INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a fifteen-day extension in which to file the Reply of appellant to the Initial Brief of the Respondent in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of Respondent was received by Appellant on Friday, July 27, 2016, making Appellant's Reply due Monday, August 8, 2016. Counsel for Appellant accepted and signed a contract for employment with the Guardian *ad Litem* program for Charleston County on July 27, 2016, with the contract beginning Monday, August 1, 2016. The week of August 1 was a rocket docket week in Charleston County DSS cases, thus Appellant's counsel was in court a majority of that week and has been inundated with new cases and responsibilities in addition to normal firm responsibilities.
2. Due to this unanticipated sequence of events and inundation of new case files in the past five business days, Counsel cannot in good faith complete or submit the initial brief Reply by the August 8, 2016 deadline.
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel believes her Reply will be prepared and ready to submit within a reasonable time and that any further request for extension will not need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a fifteen-day extension.

Respectfully submitted,



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August 8, 2016

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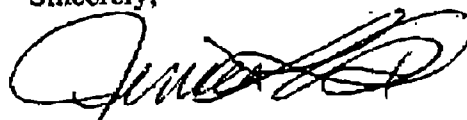
Dear Clerk,

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one (1) copy of the petition for extension to file Appellant's Reply to the Initial Brief of Respondent for the above referenced matter.

By copy of this letter, opposing counsel is being served a copy of the same by U.S. mail.

Upon filing, please return the filed copies to my office via the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: as stated

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