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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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Certiorari to Spartanburg County
Roger L. Couch, Special Circuit Court Judge

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CHARLES E. COPELAND,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
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AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

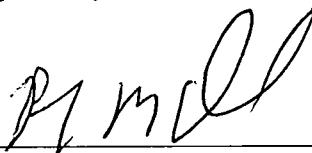
1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel is filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Darren Scott with the Court of Appeals today, May 9, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in State v. Thomas Patrick Hilliard before the Court of Appeals on May 7, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in State v. Anthony Gracely before this Court on May 2, 2012. Counsel filed the

initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. Anthony Nation with this Court on April 27, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in Johnny A. Gainey v. State with this Court on April 24, 2012. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Randy Lee Hill v. State with this Court on April 23, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the death penalty case of Brad Keith Sigmon v. State with this Court on April 20, 2012. Counsel is on the public defender's conference planning committee and a meeting was called Wednesday, April 18, 2012, that was unplanned that counsel had to attend. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in State v. David Lewis with this Court, April 13, 2012. Counsel is currently working on the death penalty case of Richard Bernard Moore v. State with co-counsel Susan B. Hackett. In addition to the above, counsel has very extensive administrative duties on a daily basis as the Chief Appellate Defender.

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 petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

May 9, 2012

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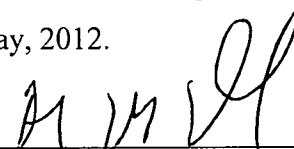
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above referenced case has been served upon Suzanne H. White, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 9th day of May, 2012.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 9th day of May, 2012.



(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: May 16, 2021