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September 16, 2016

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: State v. Stepheno Jemain Alston – Appellate Case No. 2015-002134

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Brief of Respondent in the above-referenced criminal appeal is due to be served and filed on September 16, 2016. However, due to a heavy workload coupled with the fact undersigned counsel has only recently been assigned to this appeal, I am requesting a **ten-day** extension to file the brief in compliance with the mandates of this Court's July 16, 2014, order regarding extension requests in cases before this Court. This is the first extension request in regard to the Brief of Respondent, and it is not intended for the purpose of delay. I appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you hold the filing time in abeyance during the time in which this request is pending. By copy of this letter, I am informing counsel for Petitioner of this request.

Additionally, please be advised undersigned counsel will be acting as counsel of record for the State going forward in this appeal along with Attorney General Alan Wilson and Solicitor Barry J. Barnette.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lara M. Caudy, Esq.
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