

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Oconee County

R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GEROME C. SMITH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2015-001616

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final ten-day extension, until September 26, 2016**, in which to file the reply to the initial brief of respondent in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The reply to the initial brief of respondent is due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Paula Reed Rose with the Court of Appeals on September 14, 2016. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Dennis F. Sanders v. The State of South Carolina in the Supreme Court on September 6, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Devionne Devaughn McClain with the Court of Appeals on September 6, 2016. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner and accompanying appendix in the case of Lloyd Wright v. State of South Carolina in

the Supreme Court on August 17, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Robert Steven Jolly with the Court of Appeals on August 17, 2016. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Shane A. Mahon with the Court of Appeals on August 10, 2016.

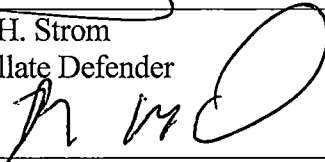
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final ten-day extension, until September 26, 2016**. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the reply to the initial brief of respondent be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



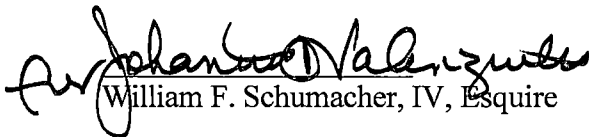
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September 16, 2016

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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