

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Beaufort County
R. Markley Dennis, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JOSEPH BOWERS,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2014-002176

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Joseph Bowers respectfully requests an extension of twenty (20) days, **until October 31, 2016**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. **Counsel will make every effort to file the brief in advance of the twenty (20) days.** The initial brief of appellant was due to be filed in this case on October 6, 2016. Due to Hurricane Matthew, both our office and the Court were closed on that date and reopened today. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for Joseph Bowers respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. On October 3, 2016, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Richey Lamont Boyd v. State with the Supreme Court. On September 30, 2016, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of State v. Jeffrey Dana Andrews with this Court. Counsel presented at the Public Defender's Conference on Case Law Update and three error preservation exercises on September 26, 2016. On September 8, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Joshua Griffith before this Court. On September 8, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Shannon Scott before this Court. On September 7, 2016, counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Raheem D. King before the Supreme Court. On September 6, 2016, counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Vernell W. Harris v. State with the Supreme Court. On August 8, 2016, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Marion Bowman v. State with the Supreme Court. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender. These include preparing the Appellate portion of the year-ending report, Appellate Project oversight, and training five less experienced appellate defenders and reading all of their writings.**

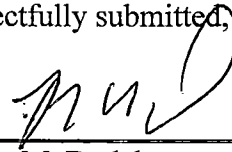
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a twenty (20) day extension, **until October 31, 2016**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. **Counsel will make every**

effort to file the brief in advance of the twenty (20) days. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

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T. Patton Adams
Executive Director/
J. Hugh Ryan, III
General Counsel

This 10th day of October, 2016.

I consent:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire