

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM KERSHAW COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Diane Schafer Goodstein, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2016-000821

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

TOMMY MCKNIGHT,Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,Respondent.

**PETITION TO RELAX RULE 243(g), SCACR, AND REQUEST
FOR FINAL EXTENSION**

COMES NOW, Respondent, above named, by and through the undersigned counsel, making its petition to relax rule 243(g) and request for extension, and would show unto this Court:

I.

Respondent's return to petition for writ of certiorari in the above-captioned matter was due to be filed and served on January 17, 2017. Inadvertently, the due date for this matter was not properly calendared. Respondent requests that the rules be relaxed in order to file the return out of time and that a final third extension of thirty (30) days be granted in order to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari.

II.

Counsel for Respondent has contacted counsel for Petitioner, and Petitioner does not object to this request.

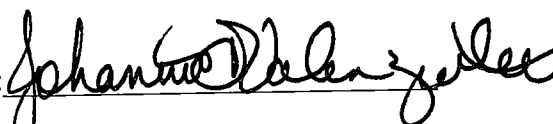
III.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this petition be granted.


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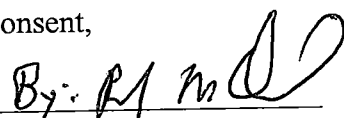
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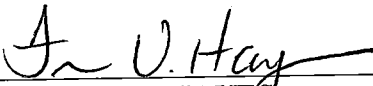
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of **Petition to Relax Rule 243(g), SCACR, and Request for Final Extension** has been served upon opposing counsel by mailing two (2) copies in the United States mail, postage prepaid:

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This 18th day of January, 2017



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