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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County  
Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge

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SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

MARK LORENZO BLAKE, JR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-001715

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Today, March 8, 2017, counsel has an oral argument in the case of In The Matter of the Care and Treatment of Carl M. Asquith before this Court. On February 27, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Sammy Wiggins v. The State with the Supreme Court. On February 21, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Brittany Shaunta Pearson with this Court. On February

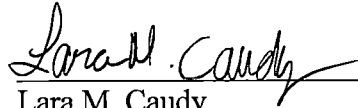
16, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Matthew J. Eargle v. The State with the Supreme Court. On February 10, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Brice Di'Von Coley v. The State with the Supreme Court. On February 8, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in William Gregg v. The State with the Supreme Court. On January 30, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jonathan Donell Rhodes with this Court. On January 27, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Steven Dwayne Moses with this Court. On January 18, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Kevin Alston with this Court. On January 9, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and the accompanying appendix in Carols J. Kemp v. The State with the Supreme Court.

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.

4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

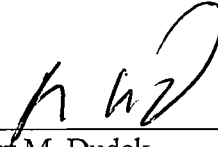
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Lara M. Caudy  
Appellate Defender




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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

March 8, 2017

I do not oppose:



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J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire