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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MARK LORENZO BLAKE, JR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-001715

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

Counsel for Mark Lorenzo Blake, Jr. respectfully requests a **fourth and final** extension of thirty days **until May 8, 2017**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. 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. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Mark Lorenzo Blake, Jr. respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

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

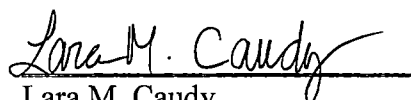
3. Today, April 7, 2017, counsel will file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Christopher Robert Murray v. State with the Supreme Court. On March 31, 2017, counsel filed the brief of petitioner in Frankie Lee Bryant v. State with the Supreme Court. On March 30, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Patrick Troy Rice v. State with the Supreme Court. On March 23, 2107, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Dan L. Temple v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 17, 2017, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Carroll Tremayne Washington with this Court. On March 10, 2017, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Eric Q. Tindal v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 9, 2017, counsel filed the reply brief of petitioner in The State v. Ryan P. Deleston with the Supreme Court. On March 8, 2017, counsel had an oral argument in 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.

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 her 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.

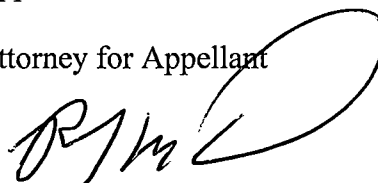
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request **a fourth and final thirty day extension until May 8, 2017**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,




Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



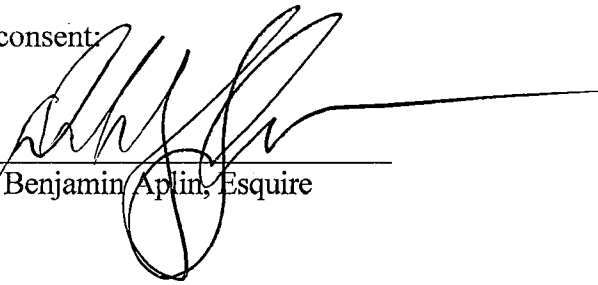
Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender



J. Hugh Ryan, III
Executive Director/
Hervey B.O. Young
General Counsel

This 7th day of April, 2017.

I consent:



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J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire