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May 1, 2017

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: William P. Deaton v. State of South Carolina;  
Appellate Case No.: 2016-001883  
Lower Court Case: 2013-CP-32-2614

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the referenced matter is due to be served and filed today. As of April 28, 2017, I have assumed representation of Respondent State of South Carolina in the action. As such, I would respectfully request a second 30-day extension of time in which to prepare, serve and file the return. Also, if you would, kindly note my appearance in this case and direct all future correspondence to my attention.

By copy of this letter, I am informing opposing counsel of this request, and the assumption of responsibility in this matter.

Sincerely,

Melody J. Brown  
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
SC Bar No.: 14244

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cc: Laura R. Baer, Esq.  
The Honorable S.R. Hubbard, III, Solicitor, Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
Trisha Allen, Victim Services