

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Union County

Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CARE AND
TREATMENT OF MELVIN BEAM,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-002290

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. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Rodney Ladson v. State with the Supreme Court on May 30, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Vincent Missouri v. State with the Supreme Court on May 26, 2017. On May 22, 2017, counsel traveled to Horry County to

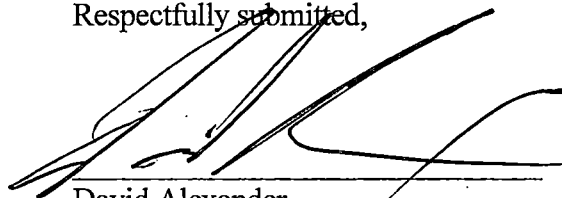
appear as a witness pursuant to a subpoena in a PCR action. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Frank Saunders with this Court on May 19, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In The Matter of the Care and Treatment of David A. Ward with this Court on May 19, 2017. Counsel filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Daryl T. Snow with the Supreme Court on May 16, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of State v. Brandon Garren with the Supreme Court on May 11, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Gerald Barrett with the Supreme Court on May 4, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Gerald Gadsden with this Court on April 24, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Lorenzo Young on April 17, 2017, before this Court. Counsel also was second chair in the **death penalty case** of Marion Bowman v. State which was argued on April 13, 2017, at the Supreme Court by the Chief Appellate Defender and counsel was heavily involved in the preparation for that argument. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. James Allen Johnson before the Supreme Court on April 13, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Lee Dell Bradley with this Court on March 31, 2017.

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.

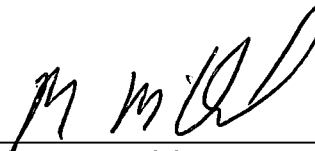
4. As indicated by the consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

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,



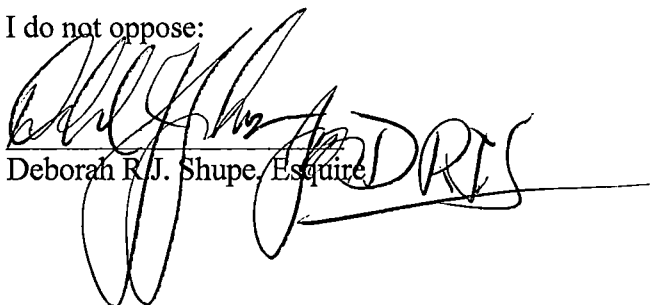
David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 7th day of June, 2017

I do not oppose:



Deborah R.J. Shupe, Esquire