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APPEAL FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Ralph King Anderson, III, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Trial Court Case No. 2015ALJ300318AP

Steven L. Barnes, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

**MOTION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE BY WHICH IT MAY FILE
ITS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

On June 19, 2017, the undersigned counsel for the South Carolina Department of Corrections ["SCDC"] received via e-mail the initial brief filed by the Appellant in the above-captioned matter. SCDC's undersigned counsel received the Appellant's initial brief via United States Mail on June 21, 2017.

SCDC's undersigned counsel now respectfully moves the Court to extend the deadline by which he may file and serve SCDC's initial brief and designation of matter in the above-captioned matter. Specifically, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully moves for an extension of the aforementioned deadline until **Friday, August 18, 2017.**

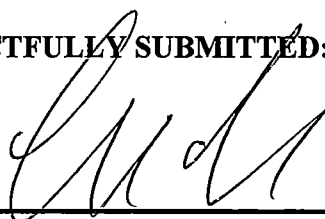
SCDC's undersigned counsel so moves in light of on-going discovery activity in a matter pending in the court of common pleas for Richland County and styled as *Villa v. S.C. Dep't of Transportation and the City of Columbia*, Civil Action No. 2016-CP-40-3363.

SCDC's undersigned counsel further moves in light of a July 25, 2017 deadline he currently confronts to file and serve a supplemental brief on SCDC's behalf in a matter pending in the South Carolina Administrative Law Court and styled as *William Ray Ward, v. S.C. Dep't of Corr.*, ALC Docket No. 15-ALJ-04-0560-AP.

SCDC's undersigned counsel has made efforts to communicate with the Appellant's counsel via both e-mail and telephone concerning the proposed extension of the deadline by which to file and serve SCDC's reply. However, SCDC's undersigned efforts to communicate with the Appellant's counsel have been unsuccessful.

Nevertheless, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully submits that his instant 30-day extension request does not and will not prejudice the Appellant in any way, and, accordingly, SCDC's undersigned counsel respectfully urges this Court to grant his instant motion and, by doing so, extend the deadline by which SCDC may file and serve its initial brief and designation of matter until Friday, August 18, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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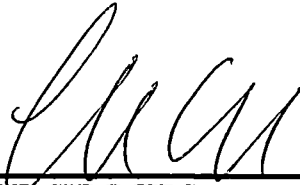
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I certify that I have served the **MOTION BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE BY WHICH IT MAY FILE ITS INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER** on the above-named Appellant by mailing a copy of the same to his counsel of record at the following address:

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