

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Certiorari to Aiken County

Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

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RAPHAEL ALEXANDER WOODEN,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

Appellate Case No. 2017-000001

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND
ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until August 21, 2017**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. Counsel is preparing the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Wallace Eugene Evatt, Jr. v. The State which is due Monday, July 24, 2017, with this Court. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kasey Marie Gilbert with the Court of Appeals on July 18, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of appellant

pursuant to White v. State and the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Shonta Helton v. The State with this Court on July 14, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Joshua Griffith with this Court on July 5, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tekysha Cohen with the Court of Appeals on June 30, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jayquan Wilmore with the Court of Appeals on June 29, 2017. Counsel filed the return to motion to stay the scheduling of a petition and return until consideration and ruling on petitioner's Rule 243(C), SCACR explanation in the death penalty case of Brad Keith Sigmon v. The State with this Court on June 23, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for stay of execution in the death penalty case of The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with this Court on June 15, 2017. Counsel filed the motion to unseal the briefs and the record on appeal in the death penalty case of The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell with this Court on June 15, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jacob Michael Hendricks with the Court of Appeals on June 14, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Interest of: Dillon H., a Juvenile Under the Age of Seventeen with the Court of Appeals on June 5, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Antonio Ross with the Court of Appeals on May 26, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tashon Earl Hurell with the Court of Appeals on May 19, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Shannon Scott with the Court of Appeals on May 18, 2017. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training two less experienced appellate defenders and interviewing for open positions.**

3. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

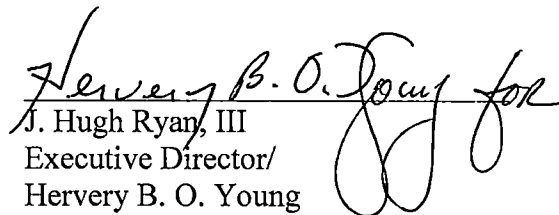
4. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until August 21, 2017**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



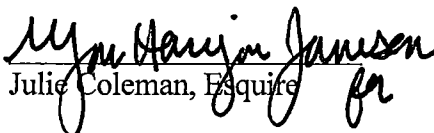
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July 21, 2017

I do not oppose:



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