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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: The State v. James Simmons
Appellate Case No. 2016-001934

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The State's Brief of Respondent is due to be served and filed August 7, 2017. However, due to a heavy workload and several days out of the office with illness, I am requesting a twenty-day (20) extension to serve and file this document. No other extensions have been sought, and this is the first extension related to the Brief of Respondent. This extension is not intended for the purpose of delay, but to ensure the brief is properly and thoroughly prepared.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and ask that the filing deadline be held in abeyance while this request is pending. By copy of this letter, I am advising counsel for Petitioner of this extension request.

Sincerely,

William M. Blich, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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