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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

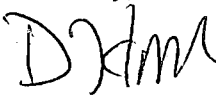
Re: Eric Darien v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2016-001685
Lower Court Case No. 2013-CP-27-00111

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed on today's date. However, I respectfully request a third 30-day extension to serve and file this Return. By the signature below, the Office Appellate Defense consents to this extension.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay. Rather, this extension request is necessitated by a heavy workload.

Sincerely,

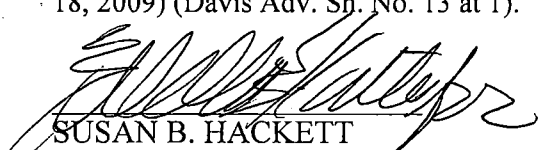

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cc: Susan B. Hackett, Esquire

In compliance with:

In Re: Extensions in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, (S.C. Sup. Ct. order dated March 18, 2009) (Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1).


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