

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Saluda County
J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RODNEY OBRYANT SAMUELS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-000495

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for appellant respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days, **until September 20, 2017**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court August 21, 2017. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel for appellant respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously

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granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. David Lee Walker in the Supreme Court on August 14, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Dajlia Symone Torbit in the Court of Appeals on August 11, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Taquan Brown with the Court of Appeals on August 10, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Daniel Caleb Braxton in the Court of Appeals on August 4, 2017. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Theia Darion McArdle in the Court of Appeals on August 2, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Jo Pradubsri in the Court of Appeals on July 25, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Herbie Val Singleton, Jr. in the Court of Appeals on July 19, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ontario Stefon Patrick Makins in the Court of Appeals on July 14, 2017. Counsel filed the return to the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Alexander Carmichael Huckabee, III in the Supreme Court on July 11, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Billy Geisendorff in the Court of Appeals on July 7, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Douglas Kelly Phillips in the Court of Appeals on July 5, 2017.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

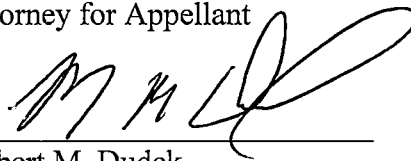
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, **until September 20, 2017**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



John H. Strom
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 18th day of August, 2017.

I consent:


Benjamin Aplin, Esquire