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V. Claire Allen, Deputy Clerk
The South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Leroy A. McKenzie, #300416 v. SCDC (Appellate Case No. 2017-001709)
Request for Extension of Time to File Initial Brief of Appellant

Dear Ms. Allen,


I am kindly requesting an extension of time to file an Initial Brief of Appellant due to extenuated circumstances beyond my control. I had received this Court's letter dated August 16, 2017 on August 18, 2017, advising of filing pursuant to Rule 267, SCACR. My Initial Brief is currently due on September 18, 2017.

I, hereby attest, the following extenuating circumstances have existed here at Lieber Cor. Inst. from on or about July 13, 2017 to present date. Lieber had an inmate escape, then following, all wardens were removed, and the prison remains on restricted security protocol and I am remain locked-down with extremely limited to non-existent access to the law library to do research for my brief, this security situation is expected to be continued and ongoing.

Also, on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, Governor McMaster declared a state of emergency for South Carolina due to hurricane Irma's forecast predicted for our area which compounds the security concerns for Lieber. I can expect to remain locked-down in this situation until the aftermath of the affects of Irma and possibly that of Hurricane Joseph that follows.

In your better judgment, please grant me an extension of time or in lieu, I move for an order that my case be placed in abeyance until such time relevant to any closures of state government during and in the aftermath of this natural disaster crisis is over with.

Sincerely,


Leroy A. McKenzie, #300416
Appellant (pro se)

cc: David Tatarsky (SCDC General Counsel)
cc: ALC Clerk of Court

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