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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Lexington County

R. Knox McMahon, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

JOSHUA WARREN HOPKINS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2016-002129

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until November 8, 2017** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to this Court in the case of State v. Shane Adam Burdette in the Supreme Court on October 6, 2017. Counsel presented at a CLE


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entitled “Annual Fall Seminar” sponsored by Lexington County Bar Association in Lexington, SC on October 4, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of George Smith v. State in the Supreme Court on October 2, 2017. Counsel presented at a CLE entitled “Post-Conviction Relief Representation: Don’t Mangle Your Case” sponsored by SCCID in Columbia, SC on September 29, 2017. Counsel attended the 2017 Annual Public Defender Conference from September 25 through September 27, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Bennie Ray Brown, Jr. in the Supreme Court on September 22, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of State v. Christopher D. Campbell in the Supreme Court on September 18, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to this Court in the case of State v. Dennis E. Cervantes-Pavon in the Supreme Court on September 15, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Michael Scott Simmons in this Court on September 14, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Kadeem Johnson v. State in the Supreme Court on September 5, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of State v. Jamie Simpson in this Court on August 31, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Jake Lake in this Court on August 29, 2017. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of State v. Robert Davis Smith in this Court on August 17, 2017.


3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.
4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until November 8, 2017** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

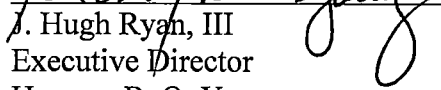
Respectfully submitted,



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October 9, 2017

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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