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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
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RE: *Elizabeth Hope Rainey, as the appointed Guardian ad Litem to Owen Carduff,  
a minor, v. South Carolina Department of Social Services.*  
Appellate Case No. 2017-001367

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am the attorney for the Respondent South Carolina Department of Social Services in the referenced appeal, and Whitney B. Harrison of McGowan, Hood and Felder represents the Appellant. After having received the Appellant's Initial Brief on September 13, 2017, my Initial Brief is due to be filed with the Court on October 13, 2017.

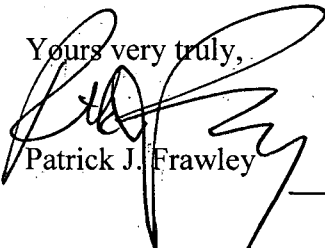
However, due to a Roster Call and Federal Court filings in another matter and several mediations, I need additional time to properly prepare my Initial Brief. Accordingly, I respectfully request a 30-day extension within which to file and serve the Respondent SCDSS's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter. This will make my brief due on November 13, 2017.

This is my first request for an extension of time for filing and serving the Initial Brief. I have enclosed our law firm check in the amount of \$25.00 to cover the cost of processing this request.

By copy of this letter to Counsel for the Appellant, I am apprising them of my request for extension.

Thank you in advance.

Yours very truly,



Patrick J. Frawley

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