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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Spartanburg County

Honorable Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

KEVIN MAURICE WARD,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-000819  
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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 Kevin Maurice Ward respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days 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 today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Kevin Maurice Ward respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

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number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

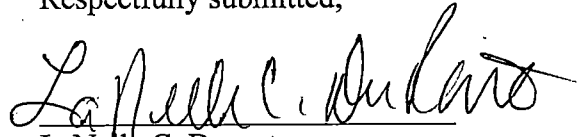
3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Umar Abdul Clea v. State with the Supreme Court on October 12, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Johnny Neal Sexton, II with this Court on October 4, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of John Wayne Brannon v. State with the Supreme Court on September 29, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Claude E. Reed v. State with the Supreme Court on September 15, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Robert Henry Osbey v. State with the Supreme Court on August 29, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of James Dean Griffin v. State with the Supreme Court on August 24, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Dwaine L. Johnson, Jr. v. State with the Supreme Court on August 17, 2017.

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

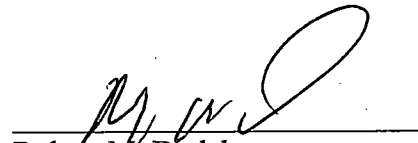
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension, 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,

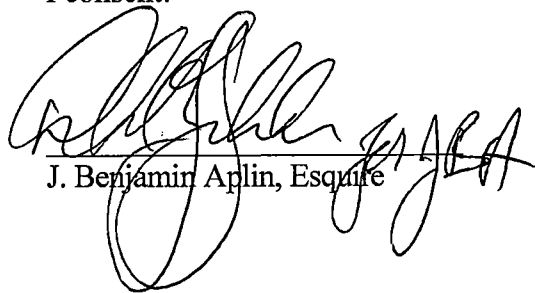
  
LaNelle C. Durant  
Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant

  
Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

I consent:

  
J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire