

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court**

APPEAL FROM ANDERSON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-001898

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Anderson County.....Petitioner-Respondent,

v.

Joey Preston and the South Carolina Retirement System.....Defendants,
Of whom Joey Preston is Respondent-Petitioner,
And the South Carolina Retirement System is Respondent.

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IN SUPPORT OF PETITIONS FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

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Pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, Petitioner-Respondent Anderson County (“Anderson County”) and Respondent-Petitioner Joey Preston (“Preston”), with the consent of Respondent the South Carolina Retirement System, jointly move this Court for an extension of time within which to file their Replies in support of their respective Petitions for Writ of Certiorari.

Both Anderson County and Preston have filed Petitions for Writ of Certiorari with this Court in this matter, and each has further filed a Return opposing the other party’s Petition. The Petitions of each party were timely filed on September 15, 2017, and the Returns of each party were timely filed on October 16, 2017. Neither side sought an extension of these briefing deadlines.

Pursuant to Rule 242(g), SCACR, each party’s Reply in support of its Petition for Writ of Certiorari is currently due on October 26, 2017. The parties jointly request that this deadline be extended by ten days so that the Replies of each will be due on or before Monday, November 6, 2017. In support of this Motion, the parties would show as follows:

1. Counsel for both parties have numerous deadlines in other matters between now and October 26, 2017.
2. Counsel for Anderson County has been out of the office for several pre-planned absences and work-related conferences since filing Anderson County’s Return.

For the foregoing reasons, Anderson County and Preston, with the consent of counsel for the South Carolina Retirement System, respectfully request that this Court extend the deadline for both parties to file their Replies in Support of their respective Petitions for Writ of Certiorari.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND FILING

The undersigned counsel for Petitioner-Respondent certifies that a copy of the Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Reply Briefs in Support of Petitions for Writ of Certiorari has been served upon all counsel of record by depositing copies of same in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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