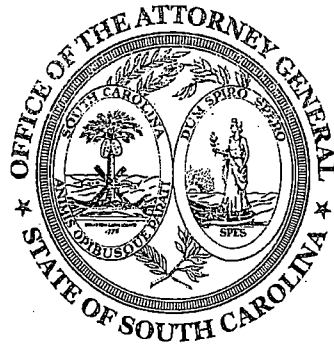


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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
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Re: The State v. Arnold Lea Ward, #109169
Appellate Case No: 2015-002107

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in the above appeal are due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file the brief and designation.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my heavy workload.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin
Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General
S.C. Bar No: 8729

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cc: Arnold Lea Ward, #109169

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