

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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J. Cordell Maddox, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

S.C. Supreme Court

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JUAN OROZCO,

PETITIONER

Appellate Case No. 2011-192226

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the brief of petitioner in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

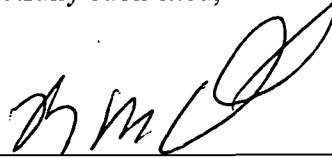
1. The brief of petitioner in this case is due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Leroy Laird in the Court of Appeals on December 12, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Tito Harris in the Court of Appeals on December 7, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Eric Anderson in the Court of Appeals on November 28, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Christopher

Heller (in the COA) in this Court on November 26, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. David Rocquemore in this Court on November 15, 2012. Additionally, Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of In the Interest of David L., a Minor Under the Age of Seventeen, with Co-Counsel Charles Grose, pro bono, in this Court on November 15, 2012. Counsel filed the return to the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Demetrius Lewis v. State in this Court on November 8, 2012. Counsel filed the memorandum on dates of after-discovered evidence and accompanying appendix in the murder case of State v. Richard Gagnon on November 6, 2012, in Horry County. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Richard Butler v. State in this Court on November 5, 2012. In October, 2012, Counsel had a second evidentiary remand hearing in the murder case of State v. Richard Gagnon in Horry County, which is an actual innocence case, as well as oral arguments in the cases of State v. Gene Tony Cooper, State v. Christopher Stephens and State v. Stephen Christopher Stanko (capital case). Additionally, in October, 2012, Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Nathan Luckett v. State, the initial brief of respondent in the **death penalty** case of State v. Steven Barnes, the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Ronald Scott Renwick, and the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Dadrin Jerome Johnson. **Counsel also has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender.**

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the brief of petitioner be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R M Dudek', written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

December 17, 2012

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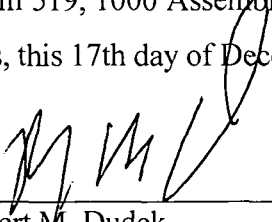
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file the brief of petitioner in the above referenced case has been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and upon the S.C. Court of Appeals, this 17th day of December, 2012.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me
this 17th day of December, 2012.



(L.S.)
Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: October 2, 2013