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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ANTHONY K. BLAKNEY,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2012-207286

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are 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 this Court on December 12, 2012. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Tito Harris in this Court on December 7, 2012. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Eric Anderson in this Court on November 28, 2012. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari

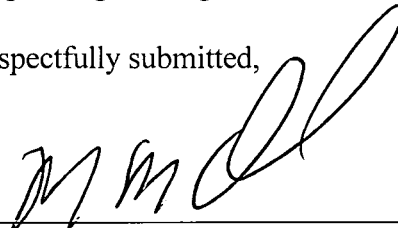
and accompanying appendix in the case of State v. Christopher Heller (in the COA) in the Supreme Court on November 26, 2012. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. David Rocquemore in the Supreme Court on November 15, 2012. Additionally, Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant 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 the Supreme 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 the Supreme 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 the Supreme 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 Lockett 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.

4. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

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

Respectfully submitted,



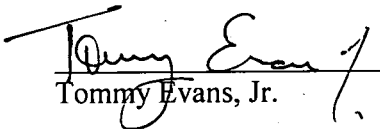
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December 17, 2012

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



Tommy Evans, Jr.