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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Greenwood County  
Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT RECEIVED  
JAN 02 2018  
SC Court of Appeals

V.

HOWARD JAMES WOODS, JR.,

APPELLANT.

Appellate Case No. 2017-000775

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Howard James Woods, Jr. respectfully requests an extension of **thirty (30) days, until February 1, 2018**, 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 fourth 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 three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Howard James Woods, Jr. respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.



3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Carlos Ruiz with this Court on December 29, 2017. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of The State v. Robert Lee Moore with the Supreme Court on December 19, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant in the case of The State v. John Andrew Biggs with this Court December 8, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Dalonte Green with this Court on December 5, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kenny Ruff with this Court on November 28, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of David Carmichael v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 27, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Donte Brown with the Supreme Court on November 17, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Elias J. Walker with the Supreme Court on November 15, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Chavias Jahmal Jenkins with this Court on November 9, 2017. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Christina Reece with this Court on November 6, 2017. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training two less experienced appellate defenders**

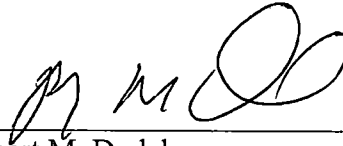
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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

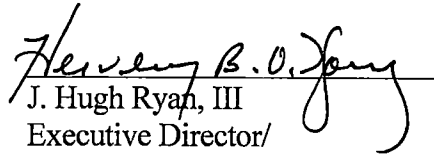
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **thirty (30) day extension, until February 1, 2018**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation

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,



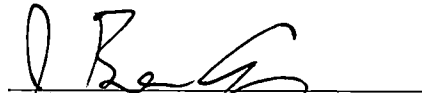
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This 2nd day of January, 2018.

I consent:

  
J Benjamin Aplin, Esquire