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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Spartanburg County  
J. Derham Cole, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STEVEN RICHARD LEWIS,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2017-001234  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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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 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



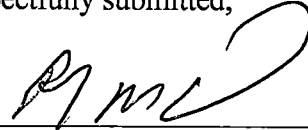
The State v. Dalonte Green with this Court on December 5, 2017. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kenny Ruff with this Court on November 28, 2017. Counsel filed the brief of respondent in the case of David Carmichael v. The State with the 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.**

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 the counsel 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.

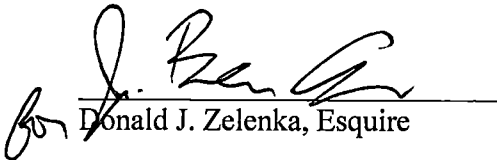
Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Appellate Defense

January 2, 2018

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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