

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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ERICA LEIGH ANDERSON,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-001888

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
AND ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX  
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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

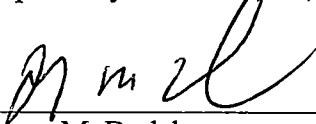
1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jeffrey Dana Andrews heard in the Court of Appeals on February 14, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the murder case of The State v. Horace Elijah Watts with the Court of Appeals on February 12, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of

matter in the attempted murder case of The State v. Joshua Maiden with the Court of Appeals on February 9, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Richard Krochmal heard in the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Christina Reece with the Court of Appeals on January 24, 2018. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Jalann Williams with this Court on January 16, 2018. Counsel, along with co-counsel, David Alexander, filed the reply of petitioner to the Supreme Court of the United States in the death penalty case of The State v. Ricky Lee Blackwell on January 11, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Willie Gray with the Court of Appeals on January 5, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Carlos Ruiz with the Court of Appeals on December 29, 2017. **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 petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

February 26, 2018

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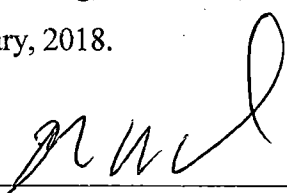
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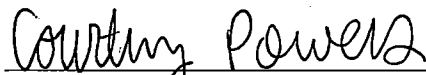
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  
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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the petition for extension to file petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above referenced case has been served upon Justin Hunter, Esquire, at Rembert Dennis Building, Room 519, 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, this 26th day of February, 2018.

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me  
this 26th day of February, 2018.

 (L.S.)  
Notary Public for South Carolina  
My Commission Expires: May 2, 2027.