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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Brantley Clarke v. State of South Carolina  
Appellate Case No. 2017-000841

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am retained counsel for the perfection of this Post-Conviction Relief appeal. I was not retained in this matter until after the Order of Dismissal had been filed. I did file a Rule 59(e) Motion on behalf of Petitioner prior to filing the appeal before the Court. My Reply to the State's Return to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due on today's date, February 26, 2018. I previously received a 10-day extension of time in which to file this Reply. Unfortunately, due my busy schedule, and some ongoing orthopedic problems, I have not yet been able to make a decision concerning whether a Reply will be necessary. For this reason, I would respectfully request a second ten (10) day extension of time in which to file a Reply to Respondent's Return. This case was originally assigned to Assistant Attorney General, Anthony Mabry, but the Return was actually filed by Assistant Attorney General, Joseph Maye, while Attorney Mabry was out of the office on leave. In abundance of caution, I have obtained consent to this extension request from both Attorney Maye and Attorney Mabry. If I conclude that a Reply is not warranted, I will notify the Court of my decision. I appreciate the Court's consideration in this matter as always and remain,

Sincerely yours,

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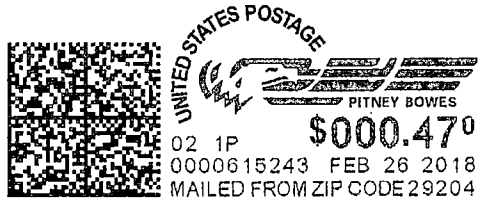
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