

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Abbeville County
Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GEORGE ANTHONY CLARK,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2017-001861

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 will file the brief of respondent in the case of Edward Young v. The State with the Supreme Court today, April 6, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Steven Lewis with this Court on April 4, 2018. Counsel presented at the PD Investigator's Conference March 30, 2018, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Howard Woods with this Court on March 23, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of

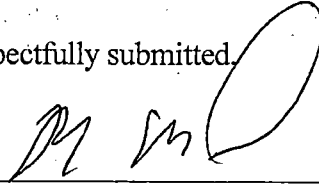
appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kayla Wright with this Court on March 21, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Matthew Jackson v. The State with the Supreme Court March 19, 2018. Counsel presented March 16, 2018, in Charleston, SC for the Charleston and Berkeley County Public Defenders and private defense conflict attorneys on Preserving the Record on Appeal. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Antwon Baker with this Court on March 14, 2018. Counsel presented March 9, 2018, for the Criminal Sexual Conduct CLE at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Charles Davis with this Court on March 8, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Raphael Wooden v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 2, 2018. Counsel presented at the 27th Annual Criminal Law Seminar on February 23, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jeffrey Dana Andrews heard in this Court 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 this Court 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 this Court on February 9, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Richard Krochmal heard in this Court on February 6, 2018. **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.

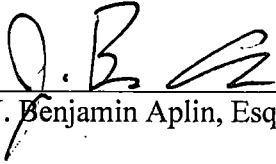
Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

April 6, 2018

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire