

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**In the Supreme Court**

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APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY  
The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Post-Conviction Relief Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2017-001877.  
Case No. 2014-CP-32-04769

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Lance Austin Williams, SCDC No. 00345477.....Respondent,

v.

State of South Carolina.....Petitioner.

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**SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Respondent Lance Austin Williams moves the Court to extend his time to file a return in opposition to the State’s petition seeking a writ of certiorari.

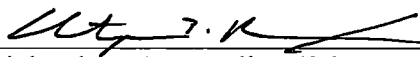
The State served its petition on February 12, 2018, and counsel for Mr. Williams received it on February 15, 2018. On March 13, Respondent moved the Court to extend his time to file a return to the petition by 30 days. That motion was granted, moving the deadline to on or before April 11, 2018. The extension was sought due to commitments in other representations that coincided with the deadline and diminished counsel’s time to prepare a sufficient return.

Respondent now moves a second time to extend his deadline to file a return by nine (9) days, until on or before Friday, April 20, 2018. “A second extension request may be granted upon a showing of good cause.” In Re: Extension in Criminal and Post-Conviction Relief Cases, at ¶ 1,

Davis Adv. Sh. No. 13 at 1 (S.C. March 18, 2009). During the last 30 days, counsel with primary responsibility for drafting Mr. Williams return has had insufficient time to devote to the task. In addition to keeping up with time-sensitive matters like case correspondence and client meetings, counsel's time has been occupied with several more time-intensive deadlines, including, pre-trial disclosure and objection deadlines in a voluminous federal civil action, see Jones v. Weinger, C.A. No. 6-15-CV-03922-TMC, Dkt. Nos. 114 & 116 (D.S.C.); preparation for a PCR hearing conducted on March 21, see Parvin v. State, 2017-CP-40-02220 (S.C. Cir. Ct.); a deadline to file a motion to compel in a federal civil action, see Santandreu v. Colonial Management Group, LP, C.A. No. 3:16-3042-TLW, Dkt. No. 92 (D.S.C.); and a briefing deadline concerning a motion to dismiss in a federal civil action, see CBSUB, LLC v. FDIC, C.A. No. 6:18-CV-00390-DCC, Dkt. No. 16 (D.S.C.), among other obligations.

Because these obligations have coincided with this deadline, Respondent's counsel respectfully requests a nine (9) day extension that would afford sufficient time to complete Respondent's return while also meeting prospective obligations in other matters. For these reasons, the Court should find good cause exists and extend this deadline until on or before April 20, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, Holli Miller, paralegal to the attorney for the Respondent, Richard A. Harpootlian, P.A., with offices at 1410 Laurel Street, Post Office Box 1090, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, certify that on April 10, 2018, served by having the below document placed in the mail, first class postage affixed thereto, to the following mentioned person:

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Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and eight copies of Respondent's second motion for extension of time. Please clock-in the original and copies and return two copies to my courier.

By copy of this letter, I am serving opposing counsel with a copy of the same.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Christopher P. Kenney

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Enclosures

cc: Alphonso Simon, Assistant Attorney General