

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM ANDERSON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-001898

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Anderson County.....Petitioner-Respondent,

v.

Joey Preston and the South Carolina Retirement System.....Defendants,
Of whom Joey Preston is Respondent-Petitioner,
And the South Carolina Retirement System is Respondent.

**JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF BRIEFING DEADLINES**

Petitioner-Respondent Anderson County and Respondent-Petitioner Joey Preston (“Preston”) jointly move for an Order extending the briefing deadlines set forth in Rule 242(i), SCACR for the filing of briefs in this matter.

Both Anderson County and Preston (collectively, the “Petitioning Parties”) petitioned this Court for writs of certiorari, and both petitions were granted by order of this Court dated March 29, 2018. Pursuant to rule 242(i) the Petitioning Parties’ initial briefs are currently due on April 28, 2018, with response briefs to follow on May 28, 2018, and reply briefs on June 7, 2018.

The Petitioning Parties respectfully request that the time periods to file their initial briefs and appendix, response briefs, and reply briefs be extended so that the Petitioning Parties’ initial briefs and additional copies of the appendix will be due on June 4, 2018, response briefs will be due on August 3, 2018, and reply briefs will be due on September 7, 2018.

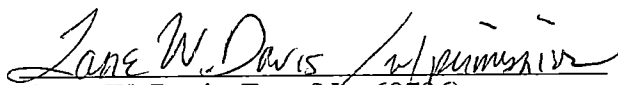
In support of this Motion, the Parties would show as follows:

1. This matter concerns a case that was tried over five days with an extensive record.
2. The Petitioning Parties' respective petitions present numerous issues for this Court's consideration.
3. Counsel for the Petitioning Parties have numerous other deadlines over the coming months, as well as a number of planned absences during the summer.
4. This is the Petitioning Parties' first request for extensions to the briefing deadlines.

Counsel for Respondent the South Carolina Retirement System has consented to the relief requested in this Motion.

For the foregoing reasons, the Petitioning Parties jointly and respectfully request that this Court extend the briefing schedule as proposed herein so that initial briefs and additional copies of the appendix are due on June 4, 2018, response briefs on August 3, 2018, and reply briefs on September 7, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND FILING

The undersigned counsel for Petitioner-Respondent certifies that a copy of the Joint Motion for Extension of Briefing Schedule has been served upon all counsel of record by depositing copies of same in the U.S. mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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