

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Laurens County

Honorable Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

APPELLANT,

V.

LEON LAGWAN BARKSDALE,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-002306

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of respondent 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 respondent and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.

2. On July 26, 2018, counsel spoke at the Orientation School for Magistrate and Municipal Judges. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Calvin Brown, Jr. with the Supreme Court on July 25, 2018. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Gregory

Vincent Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 13, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Randall Earl Sigtler v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 3, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Gerald Rudell Williams with the Supreme Court on June 21, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of William Ricky Welch v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 18, 2018. On June 12, 2018, counsel had an oral argument in the case of Darrell L. Goss v. The State before the Supreme Court. On June 7, 2018, counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Michael Juan Smith before this Court. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of David Mario Johnson v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 30, 2018.

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 consent 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 respondent and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



David Alexander
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 30th day of July, 2018

I do not oppose:


William Blitch, Esquire