

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

JUL 30 2018

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Judge

SC Court of Appeals

Appellate Case No. 2017-002539

The State,.....Respondent,

v.

John Michael Hughes.....Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE
APPELLANT'S INITIAL BRIEF AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD ON APPEAL

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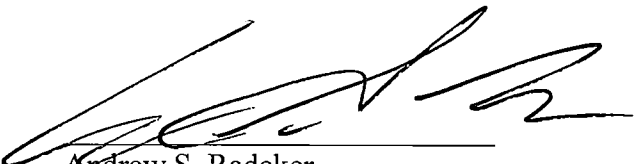
Appellant hereby moves pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, for a 30-day extension of the time in which to serve and file Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal in this case. The grounds for this motion are that there is good cause to grant the requested extension, as the following shows:

1. The deadline for service and filing of Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal is July 31, 2018.
2. This is the third extension that Appellant has sought in this appeal.
3. Among other crimes, the Appellant in this case was convicted of murder, for which he was sentenced to 45 years' imprisonment. To say that the stakes are high is an understatement. The Appellant needs the best work possible done on this appeal.
4. The undersigned counsel is a private practitioner who was appointed to represent the Appellant in this case through a continuing legal education pro bono program coordinated with the Office of Appellate Defense.
5. The undersigned is still reviewing the record and evaluating the issues in the case. The trial transcript in this case exceeds 700 pages in length. Numerous exhibits were admitted, which counsel has not yet had time to review. In fact, the undersigned has not yet received copies of the exhibits.

6. Reviewing the transcript in this case has been taking longer than counsel had anticipated.
7. In addition to some vacation and non-work-related travel, counsel's workload has been unusually heavy this summer. While he is glad for the work, the undersigned has had significant constraints on the amount of time available for him to devote this case.
8. Appellant's counsel believes there is good cause to grant the requested extension of this deadline.

WHEREFORE Appellant prays for an order extending the time in which to serve and file Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal by 30 days.

Respectfully submitted,



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I certify that I served the foregoing motion for extension of time by depositing a copy of it on the date shown below in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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