

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

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CERTIORARI TO ANDERSON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-001738

Claudius Williams,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty (30) day extension of time in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, up to and including October 8, 2018. This is Respondent's fourth request for an extension of time in which to file the return. In support of the request, undersigned counsel would respectfully show the Court:

1. The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. This is the fourth request for an extension of time in which to file a response.
3. Counsel appeared on behalf of the State at a PCR hearing in Sumter on August 14, 2018 and August 23, 2018.
4. Counsel filed a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Kelvin O'Neal v. State

(2018-000020) on August 29, 2018, a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Ryan Trojan v. State (2017-001242) on August 29, 2018, and a Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in Georgia Woodberry v. State (2017-001474) on September 5, 2018.

5. Counsel is currently preparing for a weeklong term of PCR hearings in the Fifth Circuit beginning Monday, September 10, 2018.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the Return is properly researched and prepared. The undersigned is currently working on the Return and hopes to have it completed shortly. The undersigned therefore requests an extension of time within which to serve and file the Return and Brief of Respondent. THEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty-day extension** until **October 8, 2018**, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

{Signatures on following page.}

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Appeal from Anderson County
The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Circuit Court Judge

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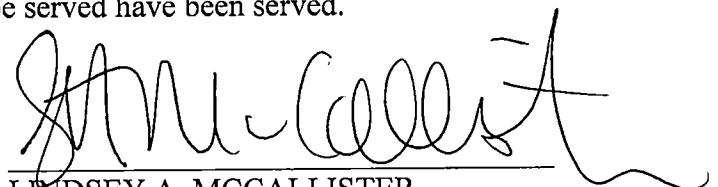
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lindsey A. McCallister, hereby certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension to File the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, on Petitioner by depositing a copy of same in the interagency mail, addressed to:

**Victor R. Seegar, Esquire
SC Commission on Indigent Defense – Appellate Division
Post Office Box 11589
Columbia, South Carolina 29211**

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

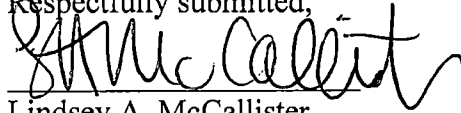
This 7th day of September, 2018.



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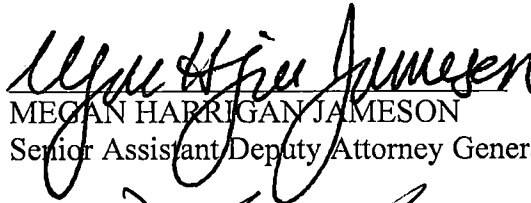
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Respectfully submitted,

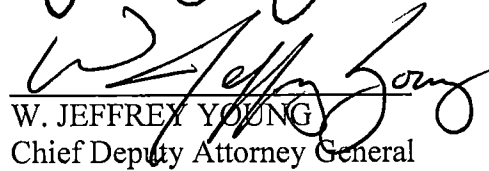


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**We concur that extraordinary circumstances
have been shown**




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I consent:

 for:
Victor Seegar
Attorney for Petitioner

This 7th day of September, 2018.



ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

September 7, 2018

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk – South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Claudius Williams v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2017-001738
Lower Court Case No. 2016-CP-04-0512

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Attached are the original and six (6) copies of the **Motion for Fourth Extension to file Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari** in the above referenced case for filing in your office.

Sincerely,

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cc: Victor R. Seeger, Esquire