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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Marion County  
William H. Seals, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

ERICK MAURICE WILLARD,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2017-002391

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant 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 appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Richard F.V. Bowman III v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on August 29, 2018. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Tony Lametrius Leamon with the Court of Appeals on August 28, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case

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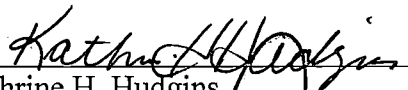
of The State of South Carolina v. Steven Louis Barnes with the Court of Appeals on August 22, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Phillip Antoine Stackhouse with the Court of Appeals on August 17, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Nathaniel Wright with the Court of Appeals on August 16, 2018. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Ralph Joel Burns with the Court of Appeals on July 30, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Terry Williams with the Supreme Court on July 23, 2018. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Nathan Good with the Court of Appeals on July 23, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Charles Winston, Jr. with the Supreme Court on July 20, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Tommy McGee with the Court of Appeals on July 17, 2018.

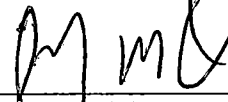
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

4. As indicated by the counsel 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 brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender

  
Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

I do not oppose:

  
J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire