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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Charleston County

J. C. Buddy Nicholson, Circuit Court Judge  
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ORIGINAL

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

STEWART JEROME MIDDLETON,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2017-002478  
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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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Counsel for Stewart Jerome Middleton respectfully requests a **final extension of thirty (30) days, until December 28, 2018**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel four previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Stewart Jerome Middleton respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the

number of extensions previously granted and the order in which counsel attempts to manage his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel will file the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Javon Dion Gibbs with this Court tomorrow, November 29, 2018. Counsel is also preparing a PowerPoint and presentation for the Appellate Practice seminar on Friday, November 30, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Bernard Dewberry v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 26, 2018. Counsel filed the return to the state's petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Jeffrey Dana Andrews with the Supreme Court on November 19, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kyrief Kelly with this Court on November 16, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Larry Coles v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 15, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Brandon Greene v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 14, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jacob Hendricks before this Court on November 7, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Latrone Butler v. The State with the Supreme Court on November 2, 2018. Counsel presented at the criminal law Comcast CLE on October 31, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Theron Marquis Murray with this Court on October 25, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Jalann Williams before the Supreme Court on October 18, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jamil Ali with this Court on October 17, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Joseph Bowers before this Court on October 10, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The

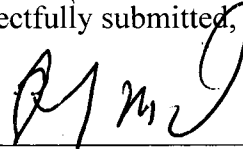
State v. Teresa Ann McCracken-Hall before this Court on October 10, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Owens before this Court on October 9, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Hakeem Edwin with this Court on October 8, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Quashon Middleton v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 4, 2018. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training two less experienced appellate defenders.**

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose 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.

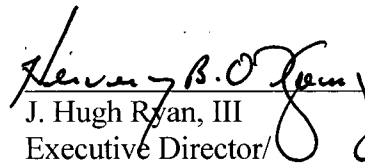
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until December 28, 2018**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



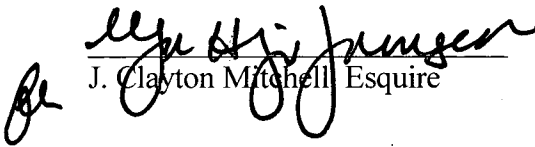
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This 28th day of November, 2018.

I consent:



J. Clayton Mitchell Esquire