

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Aiken County

Doyet A. Early, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

REGINALD JEROME HAMILTON, JR.,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2017-002551  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
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 prepared a PowerPoint and is presenting at the Appellate Practice seminar today, November 30, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of respondent and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Javon Gibbs with this Court on November 29, 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.**

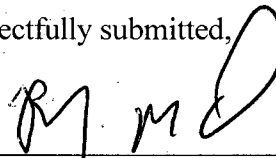
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will

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 initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

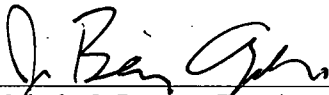


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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

November 30, 2018

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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Melody J. Brown, Esquire