

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Laurens County

Donald B. Hocker, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

v.

ARTHUR JASON BOWERS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-000868

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until January 4, 2019** 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 exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.
2. Counsel testified during a PCR hearing at the Charleston County Courthouse in the case of Alan L. Burns v. State of South Carolina on December 4, 2018. Counsel had an oral

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argument in the case of State v. Stacy Carol Riden with this Court on December 3, 2018. Counsel was a guest speaker at the 2018-2019 Appellate Practice Project: Presenting Cases to the Appellate Courts seminar on November 30, 2018. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Mykel Johnson v. State in this Court on November 29, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Demontay Payne in this Court on November 26, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Eric Lamont Owens v. State in the Supreme Court on November 26, 2018. Counsel was a guest speaker at the Public Defense 101: Fundamentals of the Profession 101 seminar on November 19, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Shawn Reaves v. State in the Supreme Court on November 14, 2018. Counsel filed the reply brief of petitioner in the case of Eric Darien v. State in the Supreme Court on November 9, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Michael Scott Simmons with the Supreme Court on November 7, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of David Penn v. State in the Supreme Court on November 1, 2018. Counsel filed the Motion to Dismiss as Moot in the case of State v. Jamie Simpson in this Court on October 26, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Corey Sparkman in this Court on October 25, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Marquis Robinson v. State in the Supreme Court on October 22, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. John William McCarty in this Court on October 17, 2018. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of State v. Steven Otts in the Supreme Court on October 12, 2018. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Benjamin Cervantes Hernandez in this Court on October 8,

2018. Counsel attended a PCR hearing at the Charleston County Courthouse in the case of Alan L. Burns v. State of South Carolina on October 5, 2018.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

4. As indicated by her consent below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until January 4, 2019** in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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.

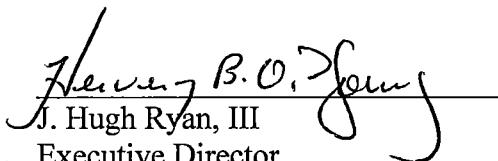
Respectfully submitted,



Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender



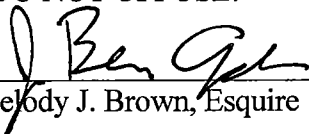
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December 5, 2018

I DO NOT OPPOSE:


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