

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Beaufort County
Brooks P. Goldsmith, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

VARSHEEN ANTUAN SMITH,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2018-000373

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Varsheen Antuan Smith respectfully requests a **final extension of twenty-one (21) days, until January 30, 2019**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. **Counsel will make every effort to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter before the deadline if possible.** 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.

2. Counsel for Varsheen Antuan Smith 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 is filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jed D. Wheeler v. The State with the Supreme Court today, January 9, 2019. Counsel is also preparing for an oral argument in the case of The State v. Devarous Parks that will be heard before the Supreme Court on Thursday, January 10, 2019.** Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Stewart Middleton with this Court on January 8, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jonathan A. Finney v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 4, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Daniel Jenkins v. The State with the Supreme Court on December 17, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Timiya Massey with this Court on December 12, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jammie Wilson with this Court on December 7, 2018. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Edward Primo Bonilla before this Court on December 5, 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 prepared a PowerPoint and presented at 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

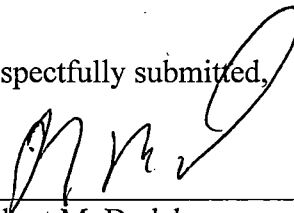
Supreme Court on November 19, 2018. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kyrief Kelly with this Court on November 16, 2018. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Larry Coles v. The State 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 has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training three less experienced appellate defenders and reviewing all their filings in advance.**

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.

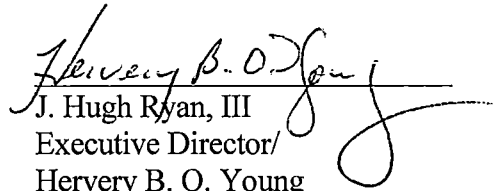
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final extension of twenty-one (21) days, until January 30, 2019**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. **Counsel will make every effort to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter before the deadline if possible.** 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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J. Hugh Ryan, III
Executive Director/
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W. Lawrence Brown
Deputy General Counsel and Training
Director

This 9th day of January, 2019.

I consent:


J. Benjamin Applin, Esquire