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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Certiorari to Spartanburg County

Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge

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ANTWON M. BAKER, JR.,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001531

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI AND
ACCOMPANYING APPENDIX

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty day extension, until March 22, 2019**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel presented at the “Year End” CLE in Greenville, South Carolina on February 8, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Owens with the Court of Appeals on February 7, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant

and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Nick Evangelista with the Court of Appeals on February 6, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Varsheen Smith with the Court of Appeals on January 30, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Stephen Wilhite v. The State with this Court on January 28, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Wayne Hankinson with the Court of Appeals on January 25, 2019. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Raphael Alexander Wooden v. The State with this Court on January 18, 2019. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Arsenio D. Colclough with the Court of Appeals on January 14, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of William Zeigler v. The State with this Court on January 11, 2019. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Devarous Parks before this Court on January 10, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jed D. Wheeler v. The State with this Court on January 9, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Stewart Middleton with the Court of Appeals 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 this Court on January 4, 2019. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training two less experienced appellate defenders and reviewing all their filings in advance.**

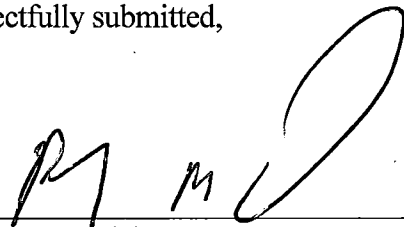
3. As indicated by his consent below, counsel for the state does not oppose this request.

4. 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

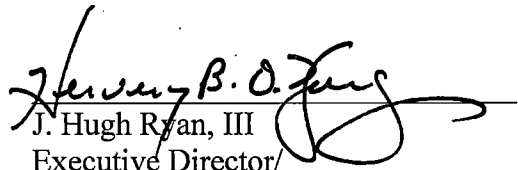
hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty day extension, until March 22, 2019**, in which to file the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



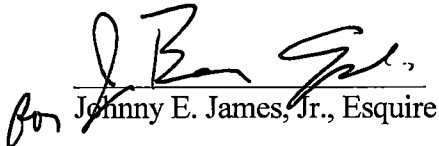
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February 20, 2019

I do not oppose:



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