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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Saluda County

Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge  
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**ORIGINAL**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

ABIN LEE LOWMAN,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2018-001215  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 is filing the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antwon Baker v. The State with the Supreme Court tomorrow, March 26, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Aneisha Young with this Court on March 22, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Reginald Hamilton with this Court on March 4,

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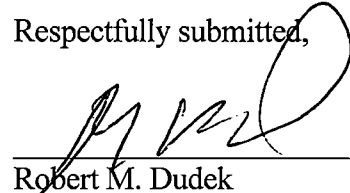
2019. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Tekysha Cohen before this Court on March 4, 2019. Counsel presented at the “Year End” CLE in Greenville, South Carolina on February 8, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Owens with this Court 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 this Court 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 this Court 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 the Supreme 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 this Court on January 25, 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. 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,

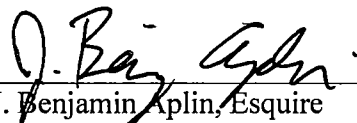


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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

March 25, 2019

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



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J. Benjamin Aplin, Esquire