

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Saluda County

Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge

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RESPONDENT,

THE STATE,

V.

ABIN LEE LOWMAN,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2018-001215

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

Counsel for Abin Lee Lowman respectfully requests a **final extension of thirty (30) days, until June 24, 2019**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. 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. The Court has granted counsel four previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Abin Lee Lowman 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 filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Casey Dajuan Geter with this Court on May 21, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. David Matthew Carter with this Court on May 14, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Brandon Childers with this Court on May 3, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ricky Anthony Short with this Court on April 26, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Randall Clark with this Court on April 16, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Rickey Wilson with this Court on April 10, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Samuel Gonzalez with this Court on April 8, 2019. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Robert I. Graham before this Court on April 2, 2019. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of The State v. Cory Nettles Allen before this Court on April 1, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antwon Baker v. The State with the Supreme Court on 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 regrets the necessity of this final extension request. However, in addition to his heavy caseload, and duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, the Appellate Division, and undersigned counsel are also serving as appellate advisors during the death penalty trial of State v. Timothy Jr., in Lexington, South Carolina which entails time out-of-the office in court. Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative**

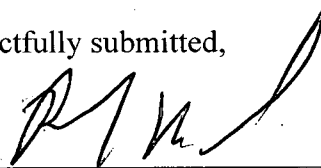
and Appellate Project oversight, and training four less experienced appellate defenders and reviewing all their filings in advance.

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.

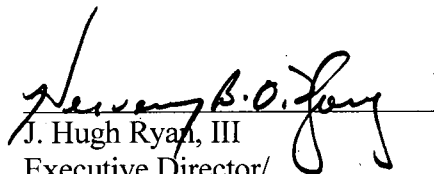
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until June 24, 2019**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



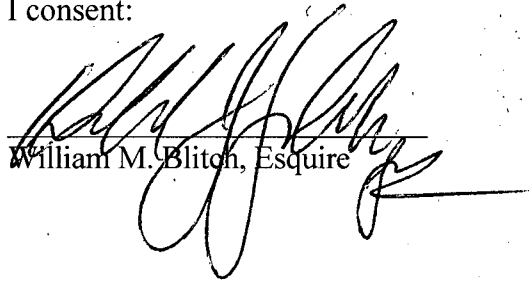
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Chief Appellate Defender



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W. Lawrence Brown
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Director

This 24th day of May, 2019.

I consent:



William M. Blitch, Esquire