

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Richland County
Honorable Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

WESLEY LAMONTE GIVENS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001920

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

SC Court of Appeals

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 filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jeffrey Allan Gray v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 17, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Michael R. Fields v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 15, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of

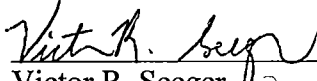
certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Miguel Angel Garcia v. The State with the Supreme Court on May 3, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Michael Taquarius Rencher with the Supreme Court on May 2, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Hector J. Cases Vazquez v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 26, 2019. Counsel file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Abel Dewayne Gause with this Court on April 19, 2019. Counsel filed the amended initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Orin Jerrell Kemp with this Court on April 12, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Wesley Charles Malmister with this Court on April 3, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Julie L. Gordon-Gookins v. The State with the Supreme Court on April 3, 2019. Counsel had oral argument before this Court in the case of The State v. Michael Jay Finley on April 2, 2019.

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.

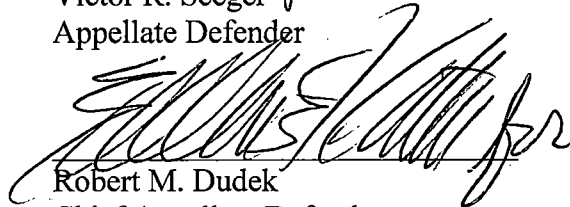
4. As indicated by the counsel below, counsel for the state graciously consents to or does not oppose this request.

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,



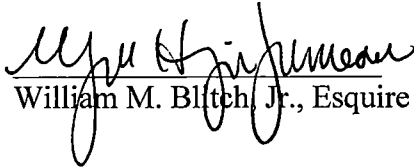
Victor R. Seeger
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 29th day of May, 2019.

I do not oppose:

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William M. Blitch, Jr., Esquire