

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Anderson County

J.C. Buddy Nicholson, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DARRELL EUGENE BLACKWELL,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2018-001892

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

Counsel for Darrell Eugene Blackwell respectfully requests a **final extension of thirty (30) days, until August 12, 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 Darrell Eugene Blackwell 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. **Following the recent departure of Administrative Coordinator Paula Murdoch, counsel has had to assist with her administrative duties. Counsel has hired a new Administrative Coordinator, who is scheduled join the Division of Appellate Defense on July 17, 2019.** Counsel plans to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Andre Nicholas Crawford with the Court of Appeals today, July 12, 2019, or Monday, July 15, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Jalann Williams with the Supreme Court on July 1, 2019. Counsel prepared a PowerPoint on Record Preservation and Making a Record and was on the faculty of the Public Defense 103 training in Greenville, South Carolina on July 1-3, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Karacus K. Freeman v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 28, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Kwamaine Jarelle Ross with this Court on June 21, 2019. Counsel had oral argument in the case of The State v. Robert Lee Moore before the Supreme Court on June 10, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Mikel Terrell Francis with this Court on June 3, 2019. 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 has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including**

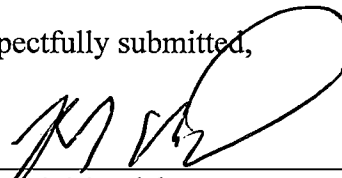
administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training four less experienced appellate defenders and reviewing all their filings in advance.

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.

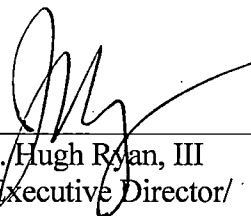
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until August 12, 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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J. Hugh Ryan, III
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Deputy General Counsel and Training
Director

This 12th day of July, 2019.

I consent:

Deborah R. J. Sheyn
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