

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Judge

Appellate Case No. 2017-002539

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SC Court of Appeals

The State,.....Respondent,

v.

John Michael Hughes.....Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE
APPELLANT'S INITIAL REPLY BRIEF AND
DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN RECORD ON APPEAL

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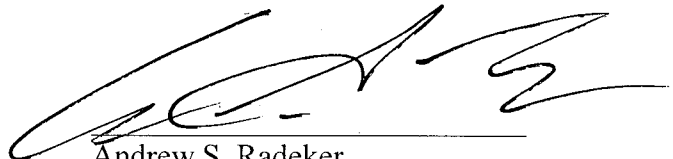
Appellant hereby moves pursuant to Rule 263(b), SCACR, for extension to August 6, 2019, of the time in which to serve and file Appellant's Initial Reply Brief and any accompanying Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal in this case. The grounds for this motion are that there is good cause to grant the requested extension, as the following shows:

1. The deadline for service and filing of Appellant's Initial Reply Brief and any accompanying Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal is today, July 26, 2019.
2. This is the third extension of this deadline that Appellant has sought in this appeal.
3. Appellant's counsel has done substantial work on analyzing the arguments presented in the Respondent's initial brief in this case and has begun writing the brief, but he does not anticipate being able to finish the reply brief today. Unexpected court events and the hospitalization of the undersigned's mother-in-law have intervened to slow his progress on writing the brief. He also has travel plans for the end of next week and that weekend.
4. The extension sought would add eight days to the current deadline.
5. Among other crimes, the Appellant in this case was convicted of murder, for which he was sentenced to 45 years' imprisonment. To say that the stakes are high is an understatement. The Appellant needs the best work possible done on this appeal.

6. The undersigned counsel is a private practitioner who was appointed to represent the Appellant in this case through a continuing legal education pro bono program coordinated with the Office of Appellate Defense.
7. Respondent's brief is 50 pages long – the maximum length its brief is allowed to have. Appellant's counsel needs time to draft a brief to reply adequately to it.
8. Appellant's counsel believes there is good cause to grant the requested extension of this deadline.

WHEREFORE Appellant prays for an order extending the time in which to serve and file Appellant's Initial Reply Brief and Designation of Matter to be Included in the Record on Appeal to August 6, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,



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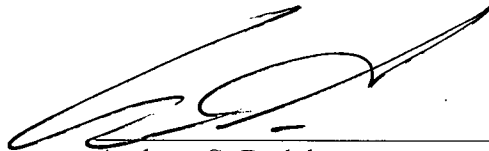
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