

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Hampton County  
Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Circuit Court Judge

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**ORIGINAL**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

BENJAMIN JEROME BLAKE,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001943

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

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Counsel for Benjamin Jerome Blake respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until August 28, 2019**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Benjamin Jerome Blake 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 petition for writ of certiorari pursuant to Austin v. State and accompanying appendix in the case of Jonta Green v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on July 26, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of John M. Cureton v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on July 24, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Drake Edward Campbell with this Court on July 16, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Aaron Young, Sr. with this Court on July 11, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Nathaniel Mitchell v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on July 1, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Jose Reyes Reyes with this Court on June 27, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of Dean Alton Holcomb v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on June 24, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Aundra Hunter, Jr. with this Court on June 21, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Desmond J. Sams v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on June 6, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Venson Tyrone Jones with this Court on May 31, 2019.

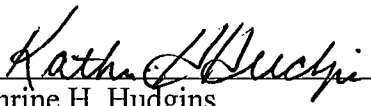
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload

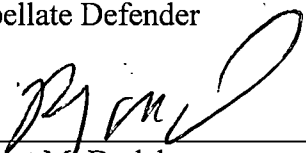
will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

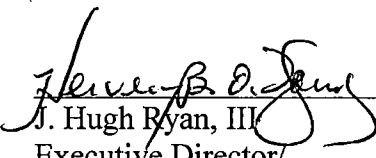
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until August 28, 2019**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

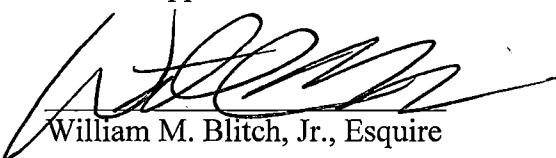
  
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This 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.

I do not oppose:

  
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