

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Orangeburg County
The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

JUL 31 2019

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Appellate Case No. 2018-000553

George W. Hughes,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION TO FILE
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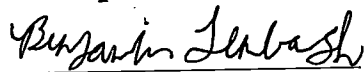
Respondent, the State, moves this Court for an additional thirty day extension of time in which to file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, up to and including August 30, 2019. This is Respondent's fourth request for an extension of time in which to file the return. In support of the request, undersigned counsel would respectfully show the Court:

1. The Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari is due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. This is the fourth request for an extension of time in which to file a response.
3. Counsel appeared on behalf of the State at a PCR term in Charleston County the week of July 22, 2019 and is currently drafting orders for the cases heard during this term. Counsel also appeared on behalf of the State at a hearing in Berkeley County on July 18, 2019.

4. Counsel is also currently drafting orders from other recent terms of court.

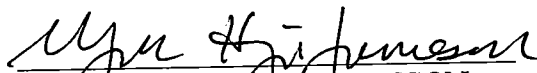
This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure that the Return is properly researched and prepared. The undersigned is currently working on the Return and hopes to have it completed shortly. The undersigned therefore requests an extension of time within which to serve and file the Return. THEREFORE, undersigned counsel for Respondent respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty-day extension** until **Friday, August 30, 2019**, in which to complete and file the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel for Petitioner has verbally consented to this extension.

Respectfully submitted,

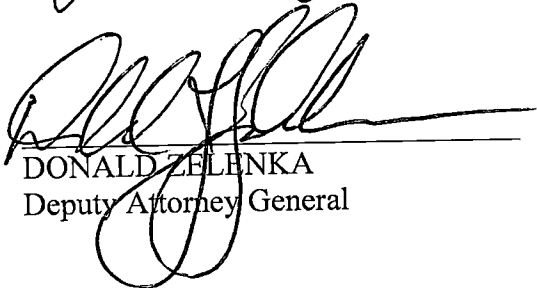


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**We concur that extraordinary circumstances
have been shown**



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This 31st day of July, 2019.

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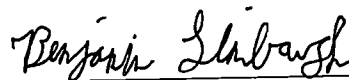
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Benjamin N. Limbaugh, hereby certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension to File the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari, on Petitioner by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, addressed to:

**Tara Dawn Shurling, Esquire
Law Office of Tara Dawn Shurling, PA
3614 Landmark Drive, Suite A
Columbia, SC 29204**

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 31st day of July, 2019.



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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
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Re: George W. Hughes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2018-000553
Lower Court Case No. 2015-CP-38-1350

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the Motion for Fourth Extension to File Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. By copy of this letter we are serving opposing counsel today.

Sincerely,

Benjamin H. Limbaugh
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BHL/cc
Enclosures

cc: Tara Dawn Shurling, Esquire (2 copies)