

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Florence County  
Honorable Michael G. Nettles, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

LESLIE MICHAEL MARTIN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001663

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER  
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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 Tyler Elkins v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 7, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Michael Jay Finley with this Court on August 1, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of

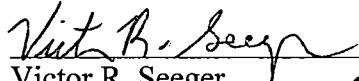
Joseph O. Morant v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 31, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Wesley Lamonte Givens with this Court on July 29, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jamie Mishoe v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 10, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of William R. Pearson v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 8, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Robert A. Baker v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 8, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Antonio Sadler v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 24, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Stacy Walker v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 17, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Felicia N. Cooper v. The State with the Supreme Court on June 17, 2019.

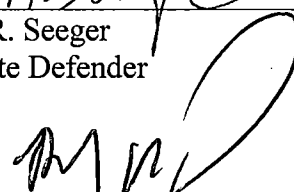
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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,

  
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Victor R. Seeger  
Appellate Defender

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

I do not oppose:

  
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William M. Blitch, Jr., Esquire