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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
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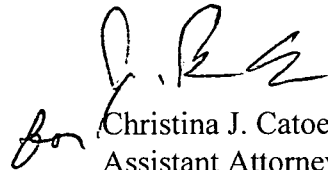
Re: State of South Carolina v. Thomas A. Smart
Appellate Case No: 2012-213382

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

The Return to Petition for a Writ of Certiorari in the above appeal is due to be served and filed today. I would respectfully request a 30-day extension in which to serve and file this Return.

This extension request is not intended for the purpose of delay, but is necessitated by my being on maternity leave.

Sincerely,



Christina J. Catoe
Assistant Attorney General
Bar No: 73562

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cc: *Susan B. Hackett*, Esquire