

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Certiorari to Edgefield County

Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge  
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THE STATE,

v.

WILLIAM C. (BILLY) SELLERS,

RESPONDENT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001667  
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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 William C. Sellers respectfully requests a **final five (5) day extension, until October 2, 2019**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case. **Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter before the deadline if possible.** This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter are due to be filed with the Court today.
2. Counsel for William C. Sellers respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time. Given the number of extensions

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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 is working on the present case which was a lengthy murder trial. Counsel had to testify remotely in the unusual Appellate Project post-conviction relief hearing of Antonio Collins v. The State yesterday, Thursday, September 26, 2019. Yesterday, September 26, 2019, the Division of Appellate Defense had officewide computer problem which combined with the PCR hearing took away time counsel planned to devote to this case. Counsel presented on the Case Law Update PowerPoint presentation at the annual Public Defender Conference, which was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on Monday, September 23 to Wednesday, September 25, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Joseph Michael Manners v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 20, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Isaiah Gadson, Jr., with this Court on September 13, 2019. Counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Nick Russell Evangelista with this Court on September 5, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Al Martinez Green v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 28, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Gregg Pickrell with this Court on August 23, 2019. Counsel filed the return to petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. James Scott Cross with the Supreme Court on August 15, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Darrell Eugene Blackwell with this Court on August 12, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Sylvester Keejuan King v. The State with the Supreme Court on August 9, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. John M. Ghent, Jr., with this Court on August 8, 2019.

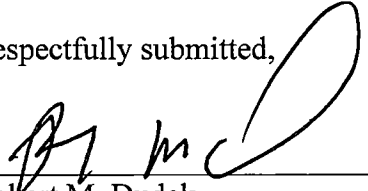
Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Shana Robinson v. The State with the Supreme Court on July 31, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Mykiel Owens with this Court on July 25, 2019. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender. Counsel also has to discuss the cases of four inexperienced Appellate Defenders with them in advance and read all of their filings in advance. Counsel also has many administrative duties, Appellate Project oversight duties, and he has been interviewing for an open staff position as well. Counsel regrets the necessity of this extension request, but it is absolutely necessary under the circumstances.**

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.

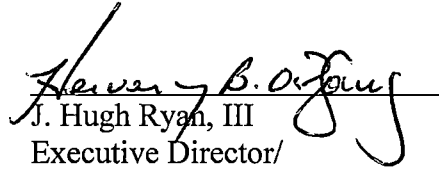
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final five (5) day extension until October 2, 2019**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. **Counsel will file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter before the deadline if possible.** Counsel requests that time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

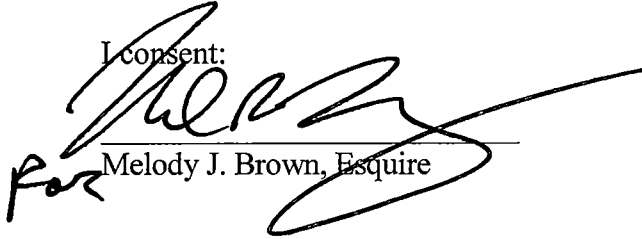
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This 27th day of September, 2019.

I consent:



For  
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