

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Horry County  
Honorable Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

v.

DEVONTA EDWARD WILLIAMS,

**ORIGINAL**  
**RECEIVED**  
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RESPONDENT,  
SC Court of Appeals

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-000222

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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 Devonta Edward Williams respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until November 4, 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. 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 Devonta Edward Williams 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Lance R. Elam with this Court on October 3, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Johnny Ray Walker, Jr. v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 26, 2019. On September 23 – 25, 2019, counsel attended the annual Public Defender Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jarvis Stripling with this Court on September 10, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Lorgio D. Morales v. The State with the Supreme Court on September 4, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jeremy Renard Webb with this Court on August 15, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jerrell Trovase Brockman with this Court on August 5, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Cedriect Hopkins with this Court on July 25, 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 November 4, 2019**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant

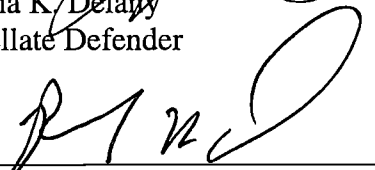
and designation of matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



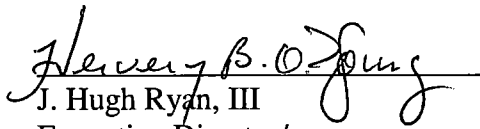
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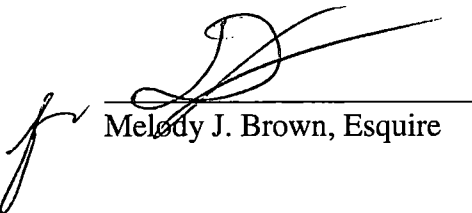


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J. Hugh Ryan, III  
Executive Director/  
Hervey B. O. Young  
Deputy Director and General Counsel/  
W. Lawrence Brown  
Deputy General Counsel and Training  
Director

This 4th day of October, 2019.

I do not oppose:



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Melody J. Brown, Esquire