

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Florence County

Thomas A. Russo, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

v.

MICHAEL JOE SMITH,

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RESPONDENT

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2019-000536

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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 The State v. John M. Ghent, Jr., to the Supreme Court from the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Anthony Raynard Randall with the Court of Appeals on November 8, 2019. Counsel was co-counsel to Adam Sinclair Ruffin, when they filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. William D. Pennington with the Court of Appeals

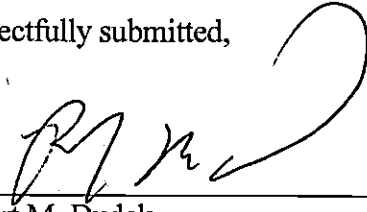
on November 4, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of James A. Gardner v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 28, 2019. Counsel also had an oral argument before the Court of Appeals on October 22, 2019 in State v. Deshandon Franks in Clemson, South Carolina. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Dashaun Livaughn Simmons with the Court of Appeals on October 21, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jakeivan A. Pulley v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 18, 2019. Counsel filed the two issue petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Ahshaad Mykiel Owens with the Supreme Court on October 14, 2019. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. William C. (Billy) Sellers with the Court of Appeals on October 2, 2019. Counsel presented the Case Law Update PowerPoint presentation at the annual Public Defender Conference, which was held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on September 23-25, 2019. **Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight, and training four less experienced appellate defenders and reviewing all their filings in advance.**

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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 22nd day of November, 2019

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



~~For~~ Melody J. Brown, Esquire