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Re: Marie Assa'ad-Faltas v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-000708

Dear Mr. James:

Based on my review of the file in this case, the time limits for perfecting this case were stayed by the filing of the motion to relieve counsel on May 3, 2019. *See* Rule 240(b), SCACR ("A motion to dismiss an appeal or a motion to relieve counsel shall, however, automatically stay the time limits for perfecting the appeal until the motion is decided."). This stay did not end until November 20, 2019, when the Court denied the motion to reconsider the order denying the motion to relieve counsel. Therefore, the State had thirty days from that date to serve and file the petition for a writ of certiorari and appendix. This means that the extension requests dated October 18, 2019, and November 18, 2019, were unnecessary, and no action should have been taken on them.

I have corrected the records of this Court to reflect that the State has been granted a first extension to file the petition for a writ of certiorari, and that this extension

expires on January 20, 2020.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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cc: Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire