

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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

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**ORIGINAL**

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

KELVIN GANTT,

**RECEIVED**

JAN 15 2020

APPELLANT

SC Court of Appeals

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001052

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

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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 brief of appellant pursuant to White v. State in the case of Leroy Glover, Jr. v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 9, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Leroy Glover, Jr. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on January 9, 2020. Counsel filed the

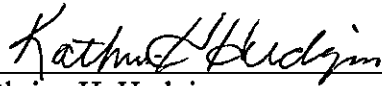
petition for rehearing in the case of Brandon Heath Clark v. The State of South Carolina with the Court of Appeals on December 27, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Sandy Lee Locklear v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 23, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Tristian Cummings with the Court of Appeals on December 20, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Jerry Dean Heard v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on December 4, 2019. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State of South Carolina v. Keshawn Melvin Rice with the Court of Appeals on December 4, 2019. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Tyrone Joseph Whatley v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on November 7, 2019.

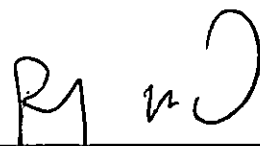
3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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.

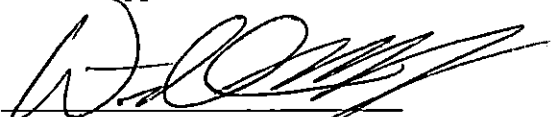
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Kathrine H. Hudgins  
Appellate Defender

  
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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

This 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.

I do not oppose:

  
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William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire