

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Allendale County

R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

ORIGINAL

THE STATE,

V.

GABRIEL JOYNER,

RESPONDENT,  
FEB 14 2020  
SC Court of Appeals  
APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2019-000622

MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

Counsel for Gabriel Joyner respectfully requests an extension of **thirty (30) days, until March 16, 2020**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this 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 are due to be filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Gabriel Joyner 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 his caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

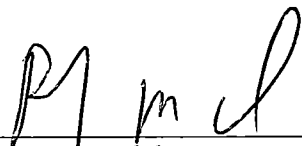
3. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Robert Xavier Geter with this Court on February 3, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Johnnie Lee McKnight with this Court on January 28, 2020. Counsel was co-counsel to Lara M. Caudy and Victor Seeger, when a petition for writ of certiorari to this Court and accompanying appendix in The State v. Jonathan Donell Rhodes was filed with the Supreme Court on January 28, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendices in the death penalty case of Marion Alexander Lindsey v. The State with the Supreme Court on January 17, 2020 with co-counsel David Alexander and Lara M. Caudy. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Edward Primo Bonilla with this Court on January 14, 2020. Counsel was co-counsel to Lara M. Caudy, when they filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Tammy Caison Moorner with this Court on January 6, 2020. Counsel filed the return to the State's petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. Joseph Bowers with the Supreme Court on December 27, 2019. Counsel had an oral argument before this Court on December 11, 2019 in The State v. Justin Jamal Warner. **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.**

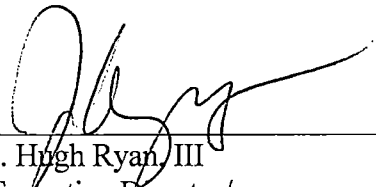
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

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

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **thirty (30) day extension, until March 16, 2020**, 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 time limits for filing the brief be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

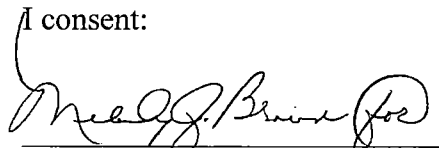
Respectfully submitted,

  
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W. Lawrence Brown  
Deputy General Counsel and Training  
Director

This 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

I consent:

  
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William M. Blitch, Esquire