

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Supreme Court

CERTIORARI TO ORANGEBURG COUNTY
Court Of Common Pleas

The Honorable Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No.: 2018-000553

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

George Hughes,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

**MOTION TO RELAX RULE 243(g), SCACR, AND
FILE RESPONDENT'S REVISED RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT
OF CERTIORARI OUT OF TIME**

COMES NOW, Respondent, above named, by and through the undersigned counsel, making its Petition to Relax Rule 243(g) and Request for Extension, and would show unto this Court:

I.

Respondent's Revised Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the above-captioned matter was due to be filed and served on February 14, 2020. However, the due date for this matter was inadvertently left off the calendar. Respondent therefore requests that the rules be

relaxed in order to file a thirty day extension in which to prepare and submit its Revised Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari. See Rule 263(b), SCACR (“The time prescribed by these Rules for performing any act except the time for serving the notice of appeal under Rule 203 and 243 may be extended or shortened by the appellate court, or by any judge or justice thereof.”). This is Respondent’s first extension request in this case.

The undersigned counsel apologizes for any inconvenience this request has caused to the Court and to Petitioner and does not believe this request will result in any prejudice to Petitioner should it be granted.

II.


WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully asks that this Court relax the requirements of Rule 243(g), SCACR; permit Respondent to file a request for a thirty-day extension out of time; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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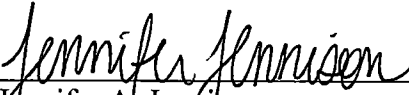
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the **Motion to Relax Rule 243(g), SCACR, and File Respondent's Revised Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari Out of Time** has been served upon the applicant by mailing one copy in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

**Tara Dawn Shurling, Esquire
Law Office of Tara Dawn Shurling, PA
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This 24th day of February, 2020.



Jennifer A. Jennison
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Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
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RE: George Hughes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No.: 2018-000553

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and six copies of the Motion to Relax Rule 243(g), SCACR, and File Respondent's Revised Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari Out of Time, in the above matter for filing in your office. By copy of this letter I am serving opposing counsel with this motion today.

Sincerely,

Benjamin H. Limbaugh
Assistant Attorney General

BHL/jaj
Enclosures

cc: Tara D. Shurling, Esquire (w/enclosure)