

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Allendale County

R. Lawton McIntosh, Circuit Court Judge

ORIGINAL

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT

v.

GABRIEL JOYNER,

APPELLANT

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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 a **final extension of thirty (30) days, until April 15, 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 four 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 is presently working on two death penalty cases with other Appellate Defenders as co-counsel: The State v. Jerome Jenkins, Jr. and The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr., which are to be filed with the Supreme Court in the upcoming months. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Anthony Briggs with this Court on February 26, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Arthur Franklin Smith v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 18, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Timiya Rashad Massey with this Court on February 13, 2020. 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 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.**

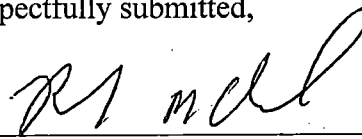
4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay. Counsel intends to continue to work on the cases with more than three extensions first so that the caseload

will hopefully become more manageable in the near future, and less extensions will need to be requested.

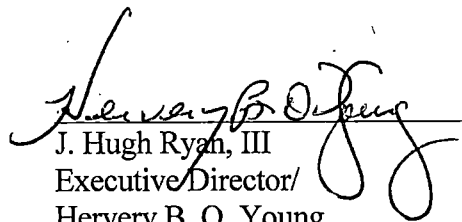
5. Counsel for the Attorney General's office consents to this request shown by signature below.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension until April 15, 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,



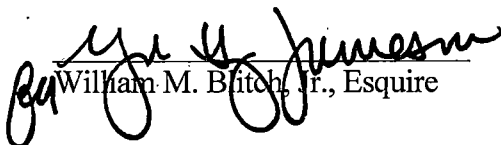
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This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

I consent:



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