

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

ORIGINAL

Appeal from Lexington County
Frank R. Addy, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

v.

WILLIAM DEREK BENNON,

APPELLANT

Appellate Case No. 2019-001358

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 and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Michael Joe Smith with the this Court on March 6, 2020. 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

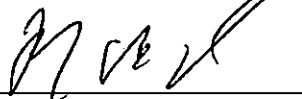
Court on February 13, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Robert Xavier Geter with this Court on February 3, 2020. Counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Johnnie Lee McKnight with 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.**

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.

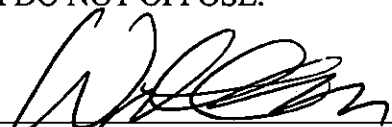
Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 19th day of March, 2020

I DO NOT OPPOSE:



William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire