

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Chester County  
D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judge

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CLAYTON ELI WATTS,

PETITIONER,

V.

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000167

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF  
CERTIORARI AND APPENDIX

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Counsel for Clayton Eli Watts respectfully requests a **final thirty (30) day extension, until October 12, 2020**, in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a third request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel two previous extensions.
2. Counsel for Clayton Eli Watts 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

3. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Osiel Gomez v. State in this Court on September 2, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Joe Lewis Busby with the Court of Appeals on August 26, 2020. Counsel filed an Anders brief of appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. John Ryan Tate Wilson with the Court of Appeals on August 24, 2020. Counsel had oral argument before the Court of Appeals in the case of Randy Wright v. The State on August 19, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Rodney J. Furtick with the Court of Appeals on August 10, 2020. Counsel filed an Anders brief of appellant and Record on Appeal in the case of The State v. Mark Dorko with the Court of Appeals on July 28, 2020. Counsel filed an Anders brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Justin Gordon Hunter with the Court of Appeals on July 23, 2020.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

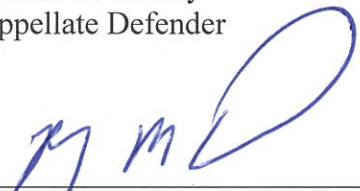
5. Opposing counsel, for the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2020. That general consent was dated August 26, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty (30) day extension, until October 12, 2020**, in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances. Counsel requests that time limits for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

This 11th day of September, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*s/ Joanna K. Delany*  
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