

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Certiorari to Spartanburg County

G. Thomas Cooper, Circuit Court Judge

RENATA JONES,

RESPONDENT

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

PETITIONER

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000343

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE THE
RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The return to petition for writ of certiorari in this case are due to be served and filed today, having been extended by one prior order of this Court.
2. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Demontay Markeith Payne with the Court of Appeals on September 15, 2020. Counsel submitted objections to State's Proposed Order to the circuit court in Tunzy Sanders v. State on September 14, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. James Anthony

Durham in the Court of Appeals on September 9, 2020. Counsel submitted a proposed order granting the Rule 59(e) motion to the circuit court in Tunzy Sanders v. State on September 4, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Leandra Lamont Bright in the Court of Appeals on September 3, 2020. Counsel filed a response to the Conditional Order of Dismissal in the case of Kinjta Kadeem Sadler v. State on September 2, 2020. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Angela Brewer in the Court of Appeals on September 1, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Arthur Jason Bowers v. State in this Court on August 31, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari, accompanying appendix, and supplemental appendix in the case of Brittany A. Johnson v. State in this Court on August 31, 2020. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Rodney Bryan v. State in this Court on August 27, 2020. On August 17, 2020, Counsel filed the response to the state's motion to dismiss in Kinjta Kadeem Sadler v. State in the circuit court. Additionally, on August 17, 2020, Counsel met with counsel for the state and counsel for the co-defendant to discuss logistics for an upcoming reconstruction hearing in State v. Justin Wilson. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Ronald Hakeem Mack v. State in this Court on August 12, 2020. On July 31, 2020, Counsel filed a return to the state's motion to strike in State v. Tyreek Dashawn Hayes in the Court of Appeals. Previously, Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Tyreek Dashawn Hayes in the Court of Appeals on July 27, 2020. On July 21, 2020, Counsel represented Tunzy Sanders in a hearing on a motion to alter or amend judgment in Sanders v. State before the Honorable Clifton Newman via WebEx video conferencing. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of State v. Sidney StClair Moorner in the Court of Appeals on July 16, 2020.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

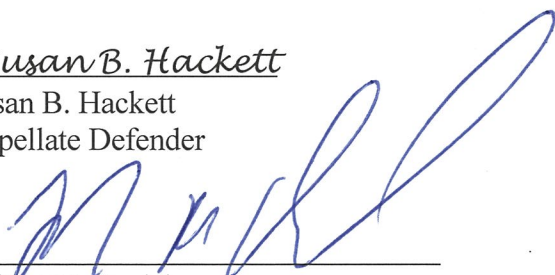
4. Opposing counsel, for the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through September 30, 2020. That general consent was dated August 26, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension in which to file the return to petition for writ of certiorari in this case. Counsel requests that the time limits for filing the return to petition for writ of certiorari be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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