

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Chester County

Roger M. Young, Circuit Court Judge

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SC Court of Appeals

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JASON S. SIMMONS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-000090

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT AND  
DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension until October 14, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel respectfully shows the Court the following exigent circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today having been extended by three prior orders of this Court.

2. 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 this Court 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 this Court on September 1, 2020. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Arthur Jason Bowers v. State in the Supreme 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 the Supreme Court on August 31, 2020. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of Rodney Bryan v. State in the Supreme 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 the Supreme 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 this Court. Previously, Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of State v. Tyreek Dashawn Hayes in this Court 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 this Court 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, 2020. That general consent was dated August 26, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **final thirty-day extension until October 14, 2020**, in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. Counsel 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,

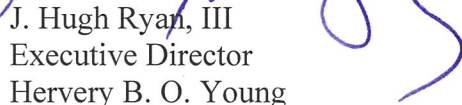
*s/Susan B. Hackett*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Order "RE: Operation of the Appellate Courts During the Coronavirus Emergency," dated March 20, 2020, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the petition for extension of time in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above referenced case has been served upon William M. Blicht, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), which is wblitch@scag.gov, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

*s/Susan B. Hackett*

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