

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Laurens County
Roger L. Couch, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

PAMELA MICHELLE TACKETT,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2019-001284

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

The undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until October 21, 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 would respectfully show 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 for Pamela Michelle Tackett 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 filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Donald Frank Halstead with this Court on August 26, 2020. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant and record on appeal in the case of State v. Rasheem Thomas with this Court on July 31, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Michael Williams v. State with this Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of Sherry McMahan v. State with this Court on July 27, 2020. Counsel filed the Johnson petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Justin Jermaine Johnson v. State with the Supreme Court on July 27, 2020.

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

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **final thirty-day extension until October 21, 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.

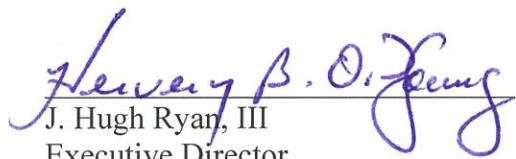
Respectfully submitted,



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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 fourth extension request in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blicht, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 21st day of September, 2020.



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