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APPEAL FROM CHARLESTON COUNTY
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J.C. Nicholson, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2021-000037

Unpublished Opinion No. 2020-UP-263 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Sept. 9, 2020)

Phillip DeClemente, a/k/a Alex Rochford, Petitioner,

v.

Assistive Technology Medical Equipment
Services, LLC; Jeffrey Reed; Murrell G. Smith, Respondents,

and

Phillip DeClemente, a/k/a Phillip Goodpaster, Petitioner,

v.

Assistive Technology Medical Equipment
Services, LLC (ATMES); Jeffrey Reed; Murrell G. Smith, Respondents.

**RESPONDENTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
RESPONDENTS' RETURN TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI**

Respondents by and through their undersigned counsel, pursuant to Rule 263(b) SCACR,
S.C. Order No. 2014-07-16-01, *RE: Extensions in Cases Seeking a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari
to Review a Decision of the South Carolina Court of Appeals*, request and extension of time to

allow the Respondents to file the simultaneously submitted Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari.

1. The Court of Appeals denied rehearing by order filed December 21, 2020, making the deadline to file/serve a petition for writ of certiorari Wednesday, January 20, 2021, pursuant to Rule 242(c), SCACR.
2. Counsel for Petitioner was granted, without opposition from Respondent, two extensions to file the writ of certiorari.
3. Counsel for Respondents submits the same good cause submitted by Counsel for Petitioner in his first request for extension that this request is in furtherance of the interest of justice, will not occasion any undue prejudice upon any other party.
4. Counsel for Respondents respectfully submits that this extension of time is needed due to 1) the disruptions of COVID-19 risk mitigation, 2) he has been in the process of temporarily closing his practice and is currently working full-time in another position that does not permit him to handle during normal work hours the few remaining cases he is working to bring to conclusion and 3) he does not have any staff or office support to facilitate the handling of these matter. All of this is good cause to grant the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Respondents respectfully requests that the Court extend the time to allow the simultaneously presented Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari to be filed out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

April 19, 2021

s/ James E. Smith, Jr._____

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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the date indicated below he served counsel for Petitioner, Cameron Marshall, with a copy of *Respondents' Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Return to Petitioner's Writ of Certiorari and Respondents' Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari* by emailing the same to the following AIS email address:

Cameron Marshall, Esq.
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Counsel for Petitioner

The undersigned also certified that on the dated indicated below a copy of *Respondents' Motion for Extension of Time to File Respondents' Return to Petitioner's Writ of Certiorari and Respondents' Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari* has been sent to the South Carolina Court of Appeals via email using that court's email address, ctappfilings@sccourts.org and filing with the South Carolina Supreme Court using that court's email address supctfilings@sccourts.org .

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Dear Mr. Sherouse:

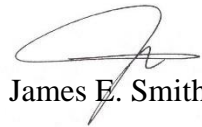
Please find the attached Motion for Extension of Time to File Return to Petition for Certiorari, Respondents' Return to Petition for Certiorari and Proof of Service of same.

A copy of this letter with the same documents and proof of service has been provided to the Court of Appeal and counsel of record.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you need anything further.

With kind regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,



James E. Smith, Jr.

cc via email: Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court S.C. Court of Appeals
Cameron Marshall, Esq.

