

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III, Master in Equity and Special Circuit Court Judge

Court of Appeals Case No. 2012-213578/
Beaufort Case No. 09-CP-07-2608

Howard Chaplin, Harriet Chaplin, Appellants

v.

Lucille Patricia Smith, Respondent

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**MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE APPELLANTS' INITIAL BRIEF AND
APPELLANTS' INITIAL DESIGNATION OF RECORD ON APPEAL**

Appellants Howard Chaplin and Harriet Chaplin, pursuant to Rule 234(b), SCACR, move the Court to grant this first request for an extension to April 30, 2013 for the filing of Appellants' initial brief and designation of record.

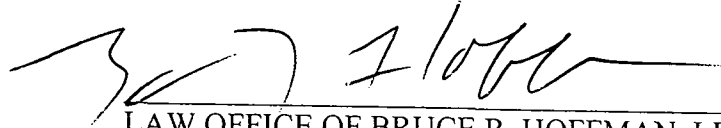
* Appellants' counsel received the reporter's transcript on February 25, 2013. But several months delay on the part of former counsel for Appellants in releasing his files to new counsel for Appellants, coupled with new counsel, a sole practitioner, having out of state work and personal conflicts and obligations, has resulted in new counsel needing more time to become knowledgeable enough about the case to finalize a properly well-researched and complete initial brief and designation of record. Respondent will not be prejudiced by the granting of this first request for an extension to April 30, 2013, but Appellants will be severely prejudiced if the requested extension is not granted.

For the foregoing reasons, Appellants would respectfully request the Court to grant an extension to

April 30, 2013 for the filing of Appellants' brief and Appellants' designation of record on appeal.

Dated: March 26, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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