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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lancaster County

Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

RALPH DALE DIXON, JR.,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-001556

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MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
IN WHICH TO FILE THE INITIAL BRIEF  
OF APPELLANT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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Counsel for Ralph Dale Dixon, Jr. respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until August 18, 2021**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. This is a fourth request for an extension. In support of this request, counsel shows:

1. The Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case are due to be served and filed with the Court today. The Court has granted counsel three previous extensions.

2. Counsel for Ralph Dale Dixon, Jr. 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 petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Alfonzo Alexander v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on June 21, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of William Pearson v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on May 24, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for rehearing in the case of In the Interest of Channon P. with this Court on May 19, 2021.

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 July 31, 2021. That emailed general consent was dated June 28, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until August 18, 2021**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



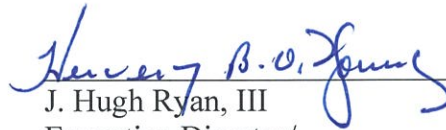
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This 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 Motion for an Extension of Time in which to File the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case have been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

s/ Victor R. Seeger  
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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT