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Appellate Case No. 2021-000673

S.C. SUPREME COURT

Bruce Houser,

Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina,

Respondent.

Extension Request

Now comes the Petitioner in the above captioned Post-Conviction Relief Appeal, acting by and through his undersigned counsel, requesting a third extension of time in which to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this matter. The first extension in this case placed the deadline for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari on August 24, 2021. Thereafter, Counsel requested a second extension due to illness. Regrettably, no doubt because Counsel had a fever and was not well, she neglected to ask for a specific number of days in her extension request. The Court graciously granted Counsel's request for an extension and gave Counsel a fourteen (14) day extension. That extension moved the new deadline for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to today's date; September 7, 2021.

Counsel has been ill off and on for the last three weeks. Due to the time she was out of the office sick, she was not able to finish compiling the Appendix to be printed to accompany the Certiorari Petition in this PCR Appeal. Counsel has hired a temporary Administrative Assistant to help her with this and other matters until she is able to find and hire a suitable paralegal. For that reason, Counsel now requests an additional sixteen (16) day extension of time in which to file the Certiorari Petition and Appendix in this matter; which will now place the due date for this filing on August 23, 2021. The combined extension requests in this PCR appeal will therefore total sixty (60) days; which would typically be the amount of additional time granted in two extensions. Barring unforeseeable circumstances, Counsel believes that she will have no problem getting this Certiorari Petition and the Appendix prepared and filed by that deadline.

I have not had the opportunity to speak with opposing counsel in this matter today and would ask that she notify the Court directly if she has any objections to the request. I no longer have any associates in my practice, and therefore, have no other attorney to sign this request. I can assure the Court that I will do my best to avoid the need for any further extension requests at this stage of this appeal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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