

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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Appeal from Georgetown County

Honorable W. Jeffrey Young & Honorable D. Craig Brown, Circuit Court Judges

Appellate Case No. 2017-000211

STEPHEN C. STANKO #6022,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

PETITIONER'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE APPENDIX
AND PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Petitioner, Stephen C. Stanko, through undersigned counsel, for the reasons stated below, respectfully requests that this Court grant an extension of time for thirty (30) days to file the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and the Appendix presently due for filing on September 13, 2021.

The reasons for this motion are as follows:

1. This Court granted an initial extension of time on August 10, 2021 until September 13, 2021.

2. Since this Court granted the initial extension, undersigned counsel has drafted and filed a supplemental brief in advance of rehearing en banc in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals capital habeas case of *Bryant v. Stephan*, No. 20-4 (4th Cir.). That briefing was due and filed on September 2, 2021. Undersigned counsel has also been drafting a response to a petition for writ of certiorari in the juvenile resentencing appeal of *State v. Morgan*. This response is due to be filed on September 14, 2021.

3. Petitioner's case concerns complex factual and legal issues that require thorough research briefing. Undersigned counsel reasonably believes that an extension is needed to thoroughly and accurately brief the issues in this case.

4. Undersigned counsel contacted counsel for the State who consents to this extension request.

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Petitioner respectfully submits that an extension of time is warranted for good cause and requests thirty days, thus making the Appendix and Petition for Writ of Certiorari due on or before October 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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