

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 THIRD 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 October 13, 2021. The reasons for this motion are as follows:

1. This Court granted a second extension of time on September 10, 2021 until October 13, 2021.

2. Since this Court granted the initial extension, undersigned counsel has completed and filed the response to a petition for writ of certiorari in the juvenile resentencing appeal of *State v. Morgan*. This response was filed on September 14, 2021. Undersigned counsel is also in the process of preparing for two oral arguments in capital habeas appeals before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In *Bryant v. Stephan*, No. 20-4, counsel is preparing to argue before the full court en banc on October 24, 2021. In *Bowman v. Stirling*, No. 20-12, undersigned counsel is assisting her co-counsel who was recently appointed to the case in preparation for a panel oral argument on October 26, 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 does not oppose this extension request.

THEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, which counsel believes constitute good cause under this Court's Order dated March 18, 2009, undersigned counsel requests that this Court extend the deadline for filing the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and Appendix in this case an additional thirty (30) days.

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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Brendan Van Winkle's signature appears on this motion to comply with the requirements of Section 3 of this Court's order dated March 18, 2009, which requires another attorney from counsel's firm to sign as a certification that they believe the extension is warranted and that there is good cause to seek the extension. Mr. Van Winkle is not assisting in the preparation of the petition for writ of certiorari or the appendix in this case.