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**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Chester County

Honorable Daniel D. Hall, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

GEORGE ROBERT LEACH,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2020-001579

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MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE  
INITIAL BRIEF OF APPELLANT  
AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER

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The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension in which to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

1. The initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case are due to be served and filed today.
2. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Robert A. Baker v. The State of South Carolina with this Court on October 14, 2021. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of Antonio Sadler v. The State of South Carolina with this Court on October 14, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Gary Z. Thomas v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on October 1, 2021. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Steven Edwards

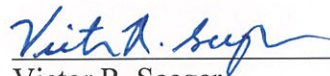
with this Court on September 3, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the case of Kenneth Rivera v. The State of South Carolina with the Supreme Court on August 19, 2021. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Ralph Dale Dixon with this Court on August 18, 2021.

3. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

4. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty-day general consent granted by email from Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka dated September 30, 2021 for all Appellate Defense extensions through October 31, 2021.

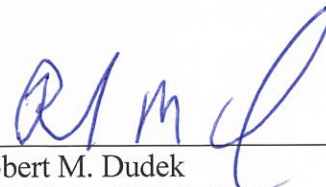
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appellate Defender



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

October 22, 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 has been served upon William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2021.



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Victor R. Seeger  
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT