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

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Counsel for George Robert Leach respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until December 22, 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 George Robert Leach 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 rehearing in the case of Dwayne Lee Rudd v. The State of South Carolina with this Court on November 12, 2021. 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.

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.

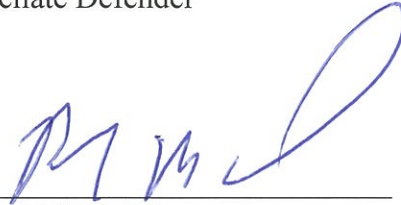
5. Opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, has graciously consented to this extension request by way of the thirty day general consent granted by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through November 30, 2021. That emailed general consent was dated October 29, 2021.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension, until December 22, 2021**, in which to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

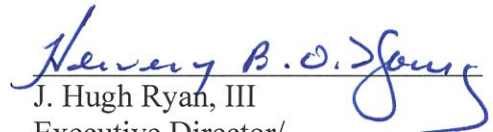
Respectfully submitted,



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This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.

  
Victor R. Seeger  
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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT