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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Georgetown County

Steven H. John, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

FREDRICK WILLIAMS,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000628

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

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension from December 17, 2021, until January 18, 2022, 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 reply brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Stewart Jerome Middleton with the Supreme Court on December 6, 2021. Counsel filed the initial brief

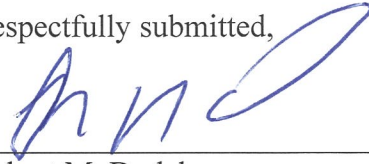
of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Bryan Austin Seidle with the Court of Appeals on November 12, 2021, with co-counsel Lara M. Caudy. Counsel had an oral argument before the Supreme Court on November 9, 2021, in the death penalty case of The State v. Timothy Ray Jones, Jr.,. Counsel filed the reply to return to petition for writ of certiorari in the death penalty case of Andres Antonio Torres v. The State with the Supreme Court on October 28, 2021, with co-counsel Susan Hackett. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in the case of The State v. Stewart Jerome Middleton with the Supreme Court on October 21, 2021. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of The State v. John Ernest Perry with the Supreme Court on October 20, 2021. Counsel is working on the Bar Convention CLE criminal materials. Counsel has extensive administrative duties as the Chief Appellate Defender, including administrative and Appellate Project oversight.

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

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

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from December 17, 2021, until January 18, 2022. 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,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 17th day of December, 2021.

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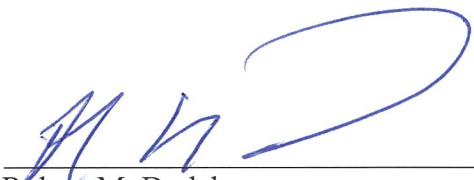
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Rule 262(a)(3) and Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, the undersigned hereby certifies a true copy of the motion for extension 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 17th day of December, 2021.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT.