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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Spartanburg County

Robin B. Stilwell, Circuit Court Judge

ANTWON M. BAKER, JR.,

PETITIONER,

V.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RESPONDENT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2018-001531

PETITION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE
THE BRIEF OF PETITIONER

The undersigned counsel respectfully requests a thirty-day extension **from January 4, 2022 until February 3, 2022**, in which to file the brief of petitioner in the above-referenced case. In support of this motion, counsel would respectfully show the Court the following extraordinary circumstances:

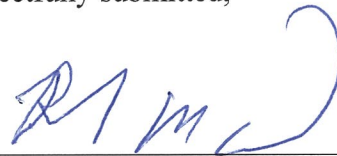
1. The brief of petitioner in this case is due to be served and filed today, January 4, 2022.
2. Counsel filed a petition for rehearing in the case of The State v. Gregg Pickrell with this Court on December 23, 2021. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals and accompanying appendix in the case of The State v. Robert Xavier Geter with the Supreme Court on December 15, 2021. 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 this Court 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 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.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from January 4, 2022 until February 3, 2022. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the brief of petitioner be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 4th day of January, 2022.

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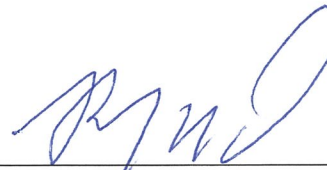
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Joshua A. Edwards, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 4th day of January, 2022.



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER.