

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Lexington County

Hon. William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge  
Hon. Craig D. Brown, Circuit Court Judge

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THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

CRAIG CORY COOPER,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000441

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

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Counsel for Craig Cory Cooper respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension until March 7, 2022**, in which to serve and 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.

2. Counsel for Craig Cory Cooper 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.

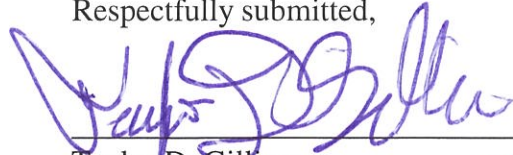
3. Counsel filed the Return to Petition for Writ of Certiorari in the case of Victor Weldon McCoy v. The State with the South Carolina Supreme Court on January 19, 2022. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Robin Gray Reese v. The State with the Court of Appeals on January 4, 2022. Counsel filed the Final Brief of Appellant in the case of Terrell Denard Knightner v. The State with the Court of Appeals on December 29, 2021. Counsel filed the Brief of Petitioner in the case of Sammy Lee Scarborough v. The State with the Court of Appeals on December 22, 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. On January 29, 2022, opposing counsel, the Office of the Attorney General, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through February 28, 2022.

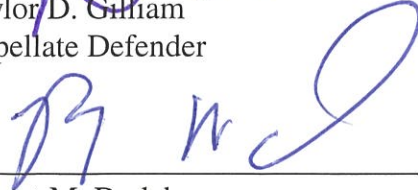
WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension until March 7, 2022**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in this case based upon the above exigent circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



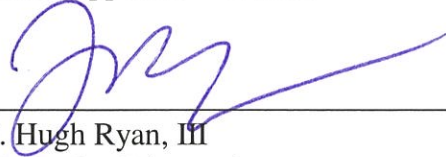
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This 4th day of February, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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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 4th day of February, 2022.



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