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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Oconee County

Perry H. Gravely, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

DECOTA CASTLE BROWN,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000744

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

Counsel for Decota Castle Brown respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension, in which to serve and file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in this case. This is a third 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 today.

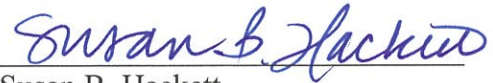
2. Counsel filed the reply to return to petition for writ of certiorari in the case of State v. Roger Grate in the Supreme Court on March 2, 2022. Counsel filed a reply brief of petitioner in the case of State v. John W. McCarty in the Supreme Court on February 28, 2022. On February 18, 2021, counsel participated as a panelist on the topic of Defending the Accused

for a CLE entitled Criminal Defense 101 sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Nicholas B. Chhith-Berry in the Court of Appeals on February 17, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. James Rosenbaum in the Court of Appeals on February 9, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Shannon Earl Garland in the Court of Appeals on February 8, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Angela D. Brewer in the Supreme Court on February 2, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of State v. Christopher L. Sanders in the Court of Appeals on January 31, 2022. On January 21, 2022, counsel presented on the topic of Evidence at the 2022 S.C. Bar Convention. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in the case of State v. Roger D. Grate in the Supreme Court on January 18, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Ronald Hakeem Mack in the Supreme Court on January 12, 2022. This request is made in good faith, and not for purposes of delay.

3. On February 28, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, 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 March 31, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty (30) day extension. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for serving and 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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Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender

Handwritten signature of Robert M. Dudek in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 14th day of March, 2022.

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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 of time to file the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blich, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), which is wblitch@scag.gov, this 14th day of March, 2022.



Susan B. Hackett
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT