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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Richland County

Robert E. Hood, Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

MANDY MORROW FORTSON,

APPELLANT.

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-000566

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

Counsel for Mandy Morrow Fortson respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 6, 2022 until May 6, 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 Mandy Morrow Fortson 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.

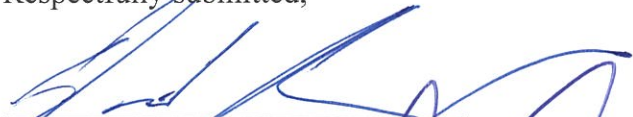
3. Counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in the case of Panteleimon Spirakis v. The State with the Supreme Court on March 30, 2022. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of The State v. Jeremiah Dicapua with the Court of Appeals on March 16, 2022. Counsel filed the brief of appellant in the case of The State v. Jakkari Jaquille De'Andre Brown with the Court of Appeals on March 7, 2022. Counsel filed the brief of petitioner in The State v. Corey Jermaine Brown with the Supreme Court on February 24, 2022. Counsel filed the return to petition for writ of certiorari in Jason Ervin Black v. The State with the Supreme Court on February 23, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Derrick Lamar Porter before the Court of Appeals on February 15, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Sylvester Ferguson III before the Court of Appeals on February 10, 2022. Counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in the case of In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of John Shelby Wells with the Court of Appeals on February 9, 2022.

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 March 30, 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 April 30, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 6, 2022 until May 6, 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.

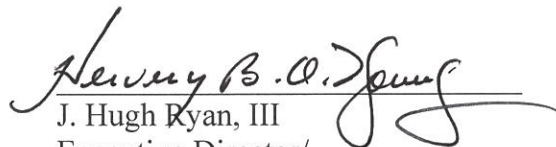
Respectfully submitted,



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This 6th day of April, 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 in the above-referenced case has been served upon William M. Blicht, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 6th day of April, 2022.



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ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT