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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 **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension** from **April 13, 2022, until May 13, 2022**, in which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case. 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 Decota Castle Brown respectfully submits that extraordinary circumstances exist which warrant the granting of an additional extension of time.
3. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Devin J. Johnson in the Court

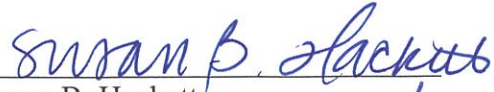
of Appeals on April 7, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Joseph L. Brown, Jr. in the Court of Appeals on April 5, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Tyrone A. Wallace, Jr. in the Supreme Court on April 5, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of State v. Earl Gaddis in the Court of Appeals on March 28, 2022. Counsel had an oral argument in the case of State v. Terriel L. Mack in the Court of Appeals on March 16, 2022. Counsel filed the Anders brief of appellant, designation of matter, and record on appeal in the case of State v. Vernon Jordan in the Court of Appeals on March 14, 2022. 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.

4. Counsel makes this request in good faith and not for purpose of delay.

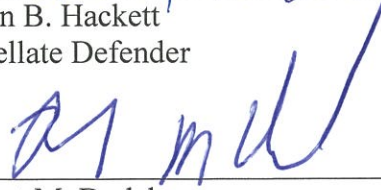
5. On March 30, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from April 13, 2022 until May 13, 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.

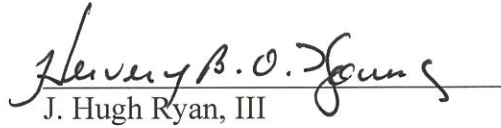
Respectfully submitted,



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This 13th day of April, 2022.

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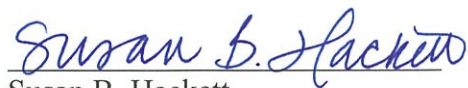
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 Melody J. Brown, Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), which is mbrown@scag.gov, this 13th day of April, 2022.



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