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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Pickens County

G.D. Morgan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

THE STATE,

RESPONDENT,

V.

JAMES RICKEY MORRIS,

APPELLANT

APPELLATE CASE NO. 2021-001300

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

Counsel for James Rickey Morris respectfully requests a 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. This motion is made pursuant to the Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009. 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. On April 4, 2022, counsel filed the brief of respondent in The State v. Russell Levon Johnson with the Supreme Court. On March 28, 2022, counsel filed the brief of appellant

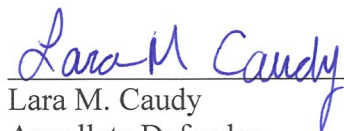
and designation of matter in The State v. Aaron Charles Clouse with the Court of Appeals. On March 24, 2022, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari and accompanying appendix in Maurice Odom v. The State with the Supreme Court. On March 21, 2022, counsel filed the initial reply brief of appellant in The State v. Bryan Austin Seidle with the Court of Appeals. On March 15, 2022, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. Stacardo Grissett with the Supreme Court. On March 3, 2022, counsel filed the petition for rehearing in James Allen Johnson v. The State with the Court of Appeals. On March 2, 2022, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Jonathan Art Lincoln with the Court of Appeals. On February 17, 2022, counsel filed the initial brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Donnielle K. Matthews with the Court of Appeals.

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.

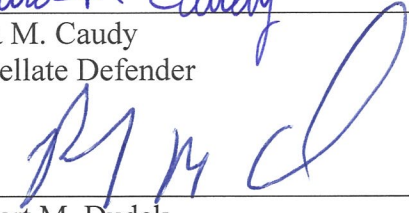
4. On March 30, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through April 30, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned counsel would respectfully request a thirty-day extension from April 13, 2022, 2022 until May 13, 2022. Counsel respectfully requests that the time limits for filing the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender



Robert M. Dudek
Chief Appellate Defender

This 13th day of April, 2022.

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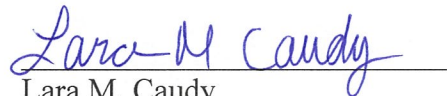
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 13th day of April, 2022.



Lara M. Caudy
Appellate Defender

ATTORNEY FOR APPELLANT