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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from Chester County
Honorable Daniel D. Hall, Circuit Court Judge
Appellate Case Tracking No. 2020-001579

The State,

Respondent,

vs.

George Robert Leach, Jr.,

Appellant.

**MOTION FOR FOURTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO SERVE AND FILE
INITIAL BRIEF OF RESPONDENT AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER**

Respondent, through its undersigned counsel, would respectfully show unto this Court:

I.

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed May 9, 2022.

II.

Pursuant to RE: Extension Requests in Criminal Direct Appeals and Post-Conviction Relief Certiorari Proceedings: Order of the South Carolina Supreme Court dated March 18, 2009, the Respondent moves for a third extension in the above referenced appeal. Due to the issues raised and work required in other cases pending before this Court and the South Carolina Supreme Court, I am unable to complete this brief on time. The undersigned has completed an Initial Brief of Respondent in a complex murder appeal in State v. Williams, an Initial Brief of Respondent in State v. Gilbert, and a Brief of Respondent in State v. Brown. The undersigned completed Returns

to Petitions for Rehearing in State v. McKnight and State v. Richburg. The undersigned participated in oral arguments in the Court of Appeals in State v. Huggins and in the Supreme Court in State v. Busse. Further, the undersigned handled a PCR hearing and has been preparing an order in circuit court in Miller v. State. The undersigned does not anticipate the need for any further extensions in this matter.

III.

This extension request is not intended for purposes of delay, but rather to ensure the Brief is properly researched and prepared. I would, therefore, request a fourth extension of time within which to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter.


WHEREFORE, Respondent prays that the Court hold this matter in abeyance until ruling on this motion, and extend the deadline for the service and filing of the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in this case for thirty (30) days from the date such relief is granted; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,


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I have reviewed and approve this request:



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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Caroline Collins, certify that I have served the Motion for Fourth Extension of Time to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter on Appellant by email to Appellant's counsel of record, Victor R. Seeger, at the email address provided by the Attorney Information System (AIS).

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

This 9th day of May, 2022.



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Good Morning Mr. Seeger,

Attached please find a Motion for Fourth Extension of Time to Serve and File Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter in The State v. George Robert Leach (2020-001579). This motion will be submitted to the South Carolina Court of Appeals today via the AIS One Drive System.

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Thank you!

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