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SC Court of Appeals

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 **fourth and final thirty (30) day extension from May 13, 2022, until June 13, 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 James Rickey Morris 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 her caseload, counsel hopes that no further extension requests will be required.

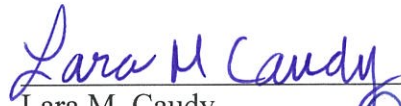
3. On May 12, 2022, counsel had an oral argument in The State v. Rakeem White before the Court of Appeals. On May 6, 2022, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. Devonte Major with the Court of Appeals. On April 28, 2022, counsel attended a reconstruction hearing in the case of Artrell Hickson v. The State before the circuit court. On April 25, 2022, counsel filed the brief of appellant and designation of matter in The State v. David Hill, Jr. with the Court of Appeals. On April 13, 2022, counsel filed the petition for writ of certiorari to the Court of Appeals in The State v. James Allen Johnson with the Supreme Court. 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.

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.

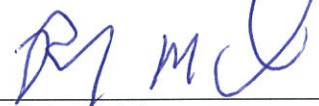
5. On April 28, 2022, opposing counsel, the Attorney General's Office, graciously consented to this extension request by way of general consent granted in writing, by Deputy Attorney General Donald J. Zelenka for all Appellate Defense extensions through May 31, 2022.

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

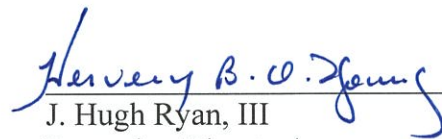
Respectfully submitted,



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This 13th day of May, 2022.

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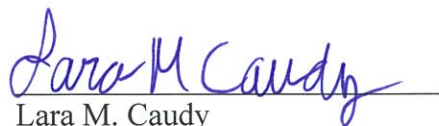
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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



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