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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk of Court, South Carolina Supreme Court
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: The State v. Richard A. Murdaugh
Appellate Case No: 2023-000392

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter are due to be served and filed today, January 9, 2025. Undersigned counsel hereby requests a 90-day extension in which to serve and file its Brief and Designation of Matter. Due to the voluminous transcripts and counsel's caseload, including addressing capital matters, counsel has been unable to complete the Brief. This request is similarly to Mr. Murdaugh's earlier request for their preparation of the Initial Brief of Appellant.

Undersigned counsel respectfully request this Court grant an extension until April 9, 2025 to serve and file the Initial Brief of Respondent and Designation of Matter. Opposing counsel has graciously consented to this request. If a formal motion is required, please advise me.

Sincerely,

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