

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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CRIMINAL DIVISION

January 17, 2018

Danny Bickell, Esq.
Deputy Clerk
Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Jordan v. Mississippi*, No. 17-7153 *** CAPITAL CASE ***

Dear Sir:

Counsel respectfully requests an extension of thirty (30) days within which to file the brief of the Respondent in the above styled and numbered cause, response is presently due on January 18, 2018. In support thereof, the Respondent submits the following:

Counsel has and has had additional commitments which have prevented the filing of a timely response in this case. Counsel was out of the office beginning January 10th through the 12th in order to conduct law enforcement training in Oxford, Mississippi. Additionally, counsel prepared for a post-conviction competency hearing to be held on January 18, 2018, in the Circuit Court of Copiah County, Mississippi in the capital case of *Dickerson v. State*, No. 2011-0049CR, which due to severe inclement weather in this region is now being reset, as of this day, to a date to be determined. Counsel is also preparing a post-hearing memorandum for the Circuit Court of Lowndes County Mississippi in the capital case of *Howard v. State*, No. 2000-0115-CV1 H, which is presently due on January 22nd. Counsel is also assisting co-counsel in the preparation of a memorandum of authorities to be filed in the United States District Court for Northern District of Mississippi in the capital habeas case of *Howell v. Fisher, et al.* No. 3:15-cv-00105-DMB, which is presently due on January 29th. Due to these commitments, counsel requests an additional thirty (30) days within which to file the brief of the Respondent in the above styled and numbered cause, thus making the brief due on February 19, 2018. This request is not being made for undue delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason L. Davis".

Jason L. Davis
Director, Criminal Litigation Division
Mississippi Attorney General's Office

cc: James W. Craig, Esq.