

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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Deputy Clerk for Practice and Procedure  
Supreme Court of the United States  
1 First Street, N.C.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Jerrard T. Cook v. Mississippi*, No. 18-98

Dear Mr. Bickell:

Respondent respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time within which to file the brief in opposition to Mr. Cook's petition for a writ of certiorari in the above styled and numbered case. Respondent's brief in opposition is presently due on October 11, 2018. Granting this request would extend the filing deadline to November 13, 2018. In support thereof, Respondent submits:

Counsel is, and has been, diligently working to provide the Court with a complete brief in opposition to the petition for a writ of certiorari. Counsel respectfully submits that Respondent cannot file an adequate brief in opposition in the time presently allowed due to counsel's competing obligations. In addition to preparing this brief in opposition, counsel is presently preparing for oral argument on October 11, 2018, before the Mississippi Court of Appeals in the case of *Joshua Eric Clark v. State of Mississippi*, 2017-KA-00411-COA. Counsel just filed Appellee's Brief in the case of *Christopher Grace v. State of Mississippi*, 2017-KA-1633-COA. Counsel had oral argument last week before the Mississippi Supreme Court in the case of *Brett Jones v. State of Mississippi*, 2015-CT-0089-SCT. Counsel is also working on the respondent's brief in opposition to a petition for a writ of certiorari due October 11, 2018, in the Supreme Court in *Joey Chandler v. State of Mississippi*, 18-203.

This request is not being made to cause undue delay or any other improper purpose. For the reasons above, counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time within which to file Respondent's Brief in Opposition.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott Stuart  
Scott Stuart  
Special Assistant Attorney General

Enclosure

cc: David M. Shapiro