

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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Supreme Court of the United States
1 First Street, N. E.
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Shawn Labarron Davis v. Mississippi*, No. 17-1343

Dear Sir:

The Brief in Opposition to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Supreme Court of Mississippi in the above styled and numbered cause is presently due on May 16, 2018. Counsel respectfully requests a thirty (30) day extension of time, to and including June 15, 2018, in which to file Respondent's Brief in Opposition. In support, Respondent submits the following:

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 the Brief in Opposition, counsel is presently preparing a Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Appeals of Mississippi in the case of *Troylanden Harris v. State of Mississippi*, 2016-KA-00122-COA. Counsel is preparing the Appellee's Brief in the case of *Cortez Watts v. State of Mississippi*, 2017-KA-01454-COA. Most recently, counsel prepared the Appellee's Brief in the case of *David Middleton v. State of Mississippi*, 2016-KA-01295-COA. The Brief was filed on May 3, 2018. Counsel also represented the State at oral argument in the case of *Kenneth Weaver v. State of Mississippi*, 2017-KA-00255-COA. The argument took place at the Mississippi Court of Appeals on April 24, 2018.

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, to and including June 15, 2018, within which to file the Respondent's Brief in Opposition.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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