

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI



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February 18, 2018

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

*** CAPITAL CASE ***

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

Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time Within Which to File Brief of Respondent

Dear Sir:

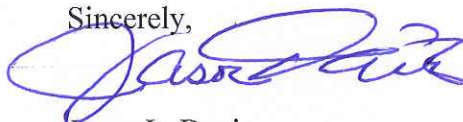
Counsel respectfully requests a final extension of thirty (30) days within which to file the brief of the Respondent in the above styled and numbered cause, which is presently due on February 20, 2018. In support thereof, the Respondent submits the following.

Counsel has and has had additional commitments which have prevented the filing of a timely response in this case. Counsel prepared for and attended the deposition of psychologist, Dr. Malcolm Spica, on February 6, 2018, in advance of an evidentiary hearing in the capital case of *Dickerson v. State*, No. 2011-0049CR. Counsel is preparing a post-hearing memorandum for the Circuit Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi in the capital case of *Howard v. State*, No. 2000-0115-CV1H, which is presently due on February 26, 2018. Additionally, counsel is preparing for a competency hearing to be held in the Circuit Court of Copiah County, Mississippi in the capital case of *Dickerson v. State*, No. 2011-0049CR, on February 27-28, 2018. Counsel is also assisting co-counsel with the preparation of a memorandum in support of the answer to the petition for writ of habeas corpus to be filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi in the capital case of *Howell v. Fisher*, No. 3:15CV105, which is due on March 30, 2017. Counsel is also preparing for a post-conviction evidentiary hearing to be held in the Circuit of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi on April 4-6, 2018, in the capital case of *Batiste v. State*, No. 2008-0149-CR.

Due to the aforementioned commitments, counsel respectfully makes this request for an

additional thirty (30) days within which to file the brief of the Respondent, thus making it due on March 22, 2018. This request is not made to cause undue delay and counsel for Petitioner is unopposed to this requested extension.

Sincerely,



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