

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA**

BRINDA COATES, etc.,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: SC21-175

L.T. Nos.: 5D19-2549

R.J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO  
COMPANY,

1997-CA-004541-O

Respondent.

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**PETITIONER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY BRIEF ON THE MERITS**

Petitioner, Brinda Coates, individually and as personal representative of the estate of Lois Stucky, moves for a seven-day extension of time to serve her reply brief on the merits and states:

1. Respondent served its answer brief on December 29, 2021. This Court previously granted Petitioner's unopposed motion for a thirty-day extension, making the reply brief on the merits due February 28, 2022.

2. Mr. Martin has prepared a draft of the reply brief for the undersigned's review, but the undersigned has been unable to review the draft due to the need to devote substantial time to preparing for the possible impending re-trial of a pro bono client

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who was recently released from death row. *Simpson v. State*, 2022 WL 120867 (Fla. Jan. 13, 2022). This has required substantial time and attention over the past two weeks as he has endeavored to secure “death-qualified” and conflict-free counsel to take the lead.

3. This is the second extension sought for Petitioner’s reply brief on the merits, and Petitioner anticipates that this extension will allow sufficient time to complete the brief without the need for additional extension requests.

4. This motion is made in good faith and not for any purpose of undue delay, nor for any other improper purpose.

5. Undersigned counsel has conferred with Brian C. Lea, counsel for Respondent, and is authorized to represent that Respondent does not object to the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court extend the deadline for serving her reply brief on the merits by seven days through and including March 7, 2022.

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