

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
WESTERN DIVISION**

JEFFREY HAVARD,

Petitioner

versus

NO. 5:08-cv-275-KS

**CHRISTOPHER B. EPPS, Commissioner,
Mississippi Department of Corrections
and JIM HOOD, Attorney General, State
of Mississippi**

Respondents

**RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION
FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

COME NOW the respondents, by and through counsel, and file this motion for additional time, thirty (30) days, within which to file the memorandum answer to the memorandum of law in support of petition for writ of habeas corpus in the above styled and numbered cause. As grounds therefore, respondents would show unto the Court the following:

I.

Petitioner filed his petition for writ of habeas corpus with this Court on April 10, 2009, and then filed his memorandum in support on July 31, 2009. The respondent's answer to the petition and the memorandum are now due to be filed on September 29, 2009.

II.

Counsel of record for the respondents has and has had other commitments and conflicts both in state and federal courts since the filing of this petition that have prevented the completion of the answer in this case. Counsel for respondents has been working diligently to file the answer in this cause and others, regarding the more recent and larger, more time consuming cases, respondent counsel has:

On April 10, 2009, completed and filed with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, a Memorandum in Opposition to A Writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of *Le v. Epps*, 1:07-cv-01128-LG; on May 8, 2009, completed and filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, a Memorandum in Opposition to A Writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of *Brawner v. Epps*, 2:07-cv-16-MPM; on May 18, 2009, completed and filed with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, a Memorandum in Opposition to A Writ of Habeas Corpus in the case of *Brown v. Epps*, 2:07-cv-49-HTW; on August 7, 2009, completed and filed with the Mississippi Supreme Court a response in opposition to the direct appeal brief in the case of *Pitchford v. State*, 2006-DP-00441-SCT; on August 19, 2009, completed and filed with the Mississippi Supreme Court a response in opposition to the direct appeal brief in the case of *Gillett v. State*, 2008-DP-00181-SCT.

Currently due with the Mississippi Supreme Court is a response to a Motion for Post-Conviction Relief in the case of *Chamberlin v. State*, 2008-DR-01690-SCT; a response to a Motion for Post-Conviction Relief in the case of *Wilson v. State*, No. CV08-074(G)L, in

the Circuit Court of Lee County, Mississippi; investigation and preparation is underway for travel to Florida for the taking of depositions of mitigation witnesses, tentatively scheduled to take place the first week of October 2009, in the case of *Bennett v. State*, 2006-DR-01516-SCT.

III.

Counsel for respondents has communicated with counsel of petitioner and there is no opposition to the request for the thirty day extension of time by the respondent. There have been no previous requests for time filed by the respondent in this case.

IV.

For the above and foregoing reasons stated herein, counsel for respondents would respectfully request that he be granted an additional thirty (30) days, up to and including October 29, 2009, within which to file the supporting memorandum in opposition to the petition for writ of habeas corpus .

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Pat McNamara, Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of Mississippi, have electronically filed the foregoing, Respondent's Motion For Extension of Time To File Memorandum of Law In Opposition to Petition For Writ of Habeas Corpus, with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to the following:

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This, the 22nd day of September, 2009.

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