

## Michael HALLMAN v. STATE of Arkansas

CR 85-153

698 S.W.2d 803

Supreme Court of Arkansas  
Opinion delivered November 25, 1985

1. **APPEAL & ERROR — MOTION TO FILE BELATED BRIEF — MOTION GRANTED.** — Where a brief in a criminal case was tendered late due to the negligence of appellant's attorney, the court accepted the brief.
2. **ATTORNEY & CLIENT — APPOINTED ATTORNEYS HAVE SAME OBLIGATIONS AS OTHERS.** — The professional obligations of attorneys appointed by the court are the same as those of all others representing the accused in criminal cases.

Motion to File a Belated Brief; granted.

*J.F. Atkinson, Jr.*, for appellant.

No response.

PER CURIAM. [1, 2] Attorney J.F. Atkinson, Jr., moves this court to accept a brief on behalf of his client, Michael Hallman. The brief was due on November 1, 1985, and was tendered seven days late. We accept the brief because we do not wish the appellant to suffer loss of this criminal appeal because of Mr. Atkinson's negligence. The only excuse offered is that the record is large. Mr. Atkinson notes in his motion that he is a court appointed attorney in this case. We wish particularly to emphasize that the professional obligations of attorneys appointed by the court are the same as those of all others representing the accused in criminal cases.

Motion granted.

PURTLE, J., not participating.