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Bismillah...

Dear Ms. Cendroski, et. al.:

This is a notice to cease and desist efforts to collect a debt that does NOT exist. On 29 June 2022, you sent an invoice for transcription services claiming it was 60 days past due.

I did NOT accept your offer. We do NOT have a contract.

On 20 April 2022, I asked your employer, the South Carolina Judicial Branch (SCJB), SC Court Administration (SCCA), to assign another court reporter.

Instead the Court Reporter Manager, Ms. Holmes instructed you to perform transcription services without prepayment for services (*see her 18 May 2022 letter*). Ms. Holmes erred. As such her unilateral mistake is also a defense to the formation of a contract. Thus, I hold that SCJB is responsible for your compensation.

You also erred because you knew no prepayment was received from me, yet still proceeded to perform transcription services. You have a right to receive remuneration for performing transcription services. However, you should have known to ensure your prepayment right was withheld by your employer before commencing services. Here, your employer is vicariously liable for your act or failure to act in the course of duty.

The Court Reporter Manual states "*In the case of court reporters who require advance payment, the due date will be 60 days after payment is received by the court reporter.*" It is a fact that you wrote "*Upon receipt of a check or money order made out to Julie Cendroski for the full amount of \$150 that the 10 days begin*" for an expedited transcript." However, I never sent you any consideration to induce your performance.

The Court Reporter Manual states you "*should make every attempt to work efficiently and cooperatively with all people who come into contact with the judicial system*". Here, neither you nor Ms. Holmes notified the Appellant of the decision to proceed without consideration which was unfair and unprofessional. It was neither efficient nor cooperative to exclude me from the decision to transcribe the hearing without receipt of prepayment. This is a debacle and has an adverse impact on the appeal. It has unnecessarily prolonged the appeal and required a series of communications with SCCA. Your signed "*Agreement*" with SCJB states you acknowledge receipt of the manual and agree to conform to the policies and rules contained therein which are enforceable under the contempt powers of the Supreme Court.

I addressed my concerns in writing to Ms. Kohn State Court Administrator on 22 June 2022 (*incorporated herein by reference*). I received a reply from the Deputy Director (*name unknown, signature illegible*) dated 5 July 2022. His/her reply was inadequate. It did not address your and the Court Reporter Manager's conduct that subverted my freedom to contract or not contract. As the Appellant, I must comply with Rule 207(a) to avoid dismissal of my appeal but not under duress. I hold that the State Court Administrator cannot resolve my concerns. Therefore, I will ask the South Carolina Supreme Court to intervene to resolve this impasse and copy the necessary parties on that correspondence at the same time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,



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On Wed, Jun 29, 2022, 3:30 PM Cendroski, Julie A. <jcendroski@sccourts.org> wrote:

Please see the enclosed invoice for the transcript you ordered. Payment for this invoice is now 60 days past due.

Julie A. Cendroski
Circuit Court Reporter III
Seventh Judicial Circuit

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