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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
In the Court of Common Pleas

Daniel Dewitt Hall, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2017-CP-40-06172
Appellate Case No. 2019-001047

Michael Edmonds,Respondent,

v.

City of Columbia.....Appellant.

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

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Pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR, the below-listed counsel for Appellant City of Columbia (“City”), R. Walker Humphrey, II, Esquire, of Willoughby & Hoefler, P.A. (“Willoughby & Hoefler”), respectfully petitions this Court for an order granting him leave to withdraw as counsel for the City.

The City will continue to be represented by counsel Chad N. Johnston, Esquire, of Burr & Forman LLP. Accordingly, no substitution of counsel is necessary. This withdrawal will result in no delay in this fully briefed appeal and no prejudice to any party. As indicated below, the City consents to the withdrawal of Mr. Humphrey and Willoughby & Hoefler as counsel for the City in this appeal.

Wherefore, having fully set forth their Petition, Mr. Humphrey and Willoughby & Hoefler respectfully request that they be permitted to withdraw as counsel for the City in this appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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WE SO CONSENT:

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This is to certify that I, Elizabeth Kurtz, a paralegal with the law firm Willoughby & Hoefer, P.A., have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Petition for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel for Appellant City of Columbia** via electronic mail at the email addresses reflected in the Attorney Information System and as set forth below:

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A copy of the email serving counsel as stated above is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.


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EXHIBIT 1

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Attachments: 2022-08-15 Filing Ltr re Petition to Withdraw.pdf; 2022-08-15 Petition for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel.pdf; 2022-08-15 POS re Petition to Withdraw.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached for service from Mr. Humphrey are the following:

1. Filing letter to the Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings; and
2. Petition for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel of Record for Appellant City of Columbia; and
3. Proof of Service (without a copy of this email).

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

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Re: *Michael Edmonds v. City of Columbia*
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

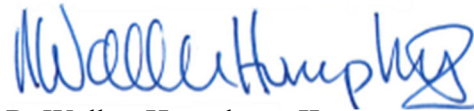
Attached for electronic filing by email in accordance with Supreme Court Order 2022-05-06-03, part (b)(2), and pursuant to Rules 240 and 264(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, is the Petition for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel of Record for Appellant City of Columbia.

By copy of this letter, we are serving counsel for all parties of record via email as permitted by Order 2022-05-06-03, part (d)(1), and attached is a proof of service to that effect.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

WILLOUGHBY & HOEFER, P.A.



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