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Re: Hayward Franklin McManus v. Michael Brent Gray  
Appellate Case No 2022-001751

Dear Ms Kitchings,

Good afternoon this letter is in regards to a copy of the enclosed letter from John Peace dated 12-7-2022. I have not yet received a written notice of entry of the order or judgement. It was not told to me in court or by Mr. Peace how long it would take before I received it.

Also, I never received an order of judgement for the summary judgement hearing in this case. I also requested to be present at this hearing either in person or virtually but was not. Summary Judgement Hearing Transcript pg 3 Ln 21-24 I received the decision in a letter by mail weeks later from my then attorney James Walsh along with his motion to be relieved of counsel.

I would just like to be clear and save any type of confusion for myself. This is my attempt to obtain any documents that I should have received but didnt and any and all documents relating to this case.

I am requesting that I be appointed an attorney to

advise me how to navigate the complexities of this appeal.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Michael Brent Gray

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cc: John Peace

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**RE: McManus v. Gay, CASE#2016CP2900431**  
**Time to Appeal**

Mr. Gay:

As we discussed with Judge McCaslin at the conclusion of the trial yesterday, I am writing to advise you of your deadline to appeal the judgment in this case.

Pursuant to Rule 203(b)(1) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, "A notice of appeal shall be served on all respondents within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice of entry of the order or judgment."

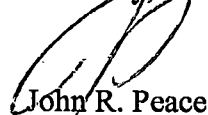
Pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B), "The notice of appeal shall be filed with the clerk of the lower court and the clerk of the appellate court within ten (10) days after the notice of appeal is served."

**You should consult Rule 203 and Rule 262, SCACR, as well as the other Appellate Court Rules, for additional important information regarding the contents, filing, and service of your Notice of Appeal.**

I commend you on how you tried your case under very difficult circumstances this week. I have seen licensed attorneys do worse.

With kindest regards, I remain

Sincerely,



John R. Peace

cc: The Honorable Debra R. McCaslin (by e-mail only)

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