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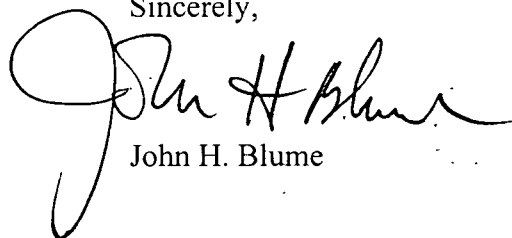
Re: *State v. Christopher Spriggs*
2009-140446

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am *pro bono* counsel for Christopher Spriggs, and I am in receipt of your recent correspondence indicating that oral argument in the above referenced case may be scheduled in September, 2013; more specifically September 9th -12th. I am writing to inform the court that I will be unavailable that week. I no longer reside full time in South Carolina as I now teach full time at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. I will be in New York that week in connection with teaching and administrative responsibilities, and it would be a hardship to return to South Carolina that week. I would request that, if at all possible, this case be scheduled in October. Our fall break is the week of October 14th, and I am available any day that week for the argument in this case. I could also be in South Carolina for the argument the Thursday or Friday of the week before our fall break (October 10th or 11th), or remain in South Carolina until the Monday following our fall break (October 21st).

I appreciate the Court's consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



John H. Blume