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Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk
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P.O. Box 11330
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

RE: *Freddie L. Howard v. State of South Carolina*
Appellate Case No. 2013-001197
Lower Court Case No.: 2012-CP-19-068
Our File No. 1016/210

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated June 6, 2013, requesting an explanation under South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 243(c) as to why the determination by the lower court that the action was barred by the statute of limitations was improper or, in the alternative, a letter stating that I am unable to set forth any arguable basis for asserting the determination by the PCR Judge was improper. As an officer of the Court, I am unable to set forth any arguable basis for asserting the determination by the PCR Judge in the above-captioned case that the action was barred by the statute of limitations was improper.

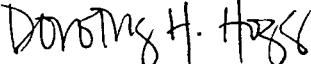
Similarly, you also requested an explanation under SCACR 203(d)(1)(B) for an appeal from a guilty plea or a letter regarding the decision by the PCR judge that petitioner Howard was not entitled to a belated direct appeal. As an officer of the Court, I am unable to set forth any good faith arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the PCR judge in the above-captioned case that petitioner Howard was not entitled to a belated direct appeal was improper.

By copy of this letter, I am informing petitioner Freddie L. Howard that he has twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to file a *pro se* explanation as to why he believes that these determinations by the Circuit Court were improper.

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Should you need any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Dorothy H. Hogg SC Bar 71710
For the Firm

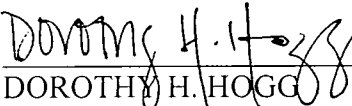
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cc: John Walter Whitmire, Esq.
Freddie L. Howard

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing DOROTHY H. HOGG'S JUNE 14, 2013, LETTER TO DANIEL E. SHEAROUSE, CLERK was served by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following parties of record, this 14th day of June, 2013:

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