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FROM: Patricia A. Howard, Clerk *PAH*

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This responds to your recent correspondence to Chief Justice Beatty. This correspondence is apparently related to the appeal in Appellate Case Number 2023-000294, which is pending before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Please be advised that Chief Justice Beatty cannot consider this *ex parte* communication about this appeal. Any concerns you have about this case should be raised to your counsel.

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Dear Chief Justice Beatty,

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I would like to begin, by stating that I am not writing this to you, in an effort to receive any kind of "special treatment" or anything of the sort. I am writing to you today, because my rights to a fair and impartial hearing, as well as and perhaps most importantly, my rights to an appeal, are being actively circumvented by a circuit court judge. . I am simply seeking to be afforded my rights to an appeal, without being persecuted by a judge upset that his rulings were appealed.

I am writing to you today, truly, because I feel it is my only recourse I have left. I find myself in an incredibly peculiar position, as it appears I am being wrongly persecuted by a circuit court judge, who's behavior towards me and my attorney I have confirmed with other legal parties ( judges and attorneys) to be outside the bounds of normal judicial behavior. I do not type that statement lightly. I would like to state, strenuously, that I am not simply someone who disagrees with a judge's ruling and is seeking to make trouble or complain. Instead, I must insist that I am having my rights not only ignored, but openly referred to as "frivolous" by this judge, on the record! Furthermore, this judge has outright ignored both state and federal statute in my case, and referred to those as "frivolous" as well. I should state, that prior to our case going to court, there were several comments made by the gentleman suing me, to the effect of "knowing a judge can accomplish anything". I obviously ignored those as just talk. However, my attorney was also pulled aside by opposing counsel, and casually threatened with regards to "being the end of his career going against this judge".

It is my understanding that this attorney too, has a questionable past. This attorney being Stoney Craven.

I did lawfully and timely file an appeal in my case, however I was immediately subjected to retribution and admonishment by this judge, for doing so, on more than one occasion. Beginning with my attorneys "motion to reconsider" when several clear and serious issues of the case, were entirely ignored in the judges ruling. This resulted in a financial penalty from the judge, and threats of more to come if we continued to appeal. The ongoing of which, is seeking to circumvent / block my rights to said appeal, with contempt rulings, despite them not being applicable. The Judge I am referring to, is judge Bentley Price.

I don't know how much I am supposed to type in this initial complaint letter, but I'll try to be brief and summarize:

- 1) I am NOT the correct party, or person, that should or could have been sued in my case. I mean that, literally. They LITERALLY sued the wrong party. Yet this was ignored entirely when brought up by my attorney. How can I be ordered to comply with a contract I was never a party to?

- 2) My attorney, also discovered, that the party who sued me, did not even have legal standing to bring the case, as he is not the owner, of the property he is suing the wrong person for. This was also entirely ignored when my attorney brought this up.
- 3) The judge, completely ignored without consideration, federal and state laws that explicitly prevent this very type of suit being brought, regardless of this being the wrong party suing the wrong party, instead ignoring those statutes as well, without providing any explanation except to say every defense my attorney raised was "frivolous"

There are obviously, many many more details that I feel also make the judges rulings in this case clearly inappropriate, but I only wanted to present those three facts, as they are not in dispute by either side in this case, are clearly very serious issues that would invalidate this suit entirely, and yet they were entirely ignored as "frivolous"

Despite this, my attorney and I attempted to lawfully appeal the matter, and as the law allows, supply surety bond for the property in question, pending the results of the appeal. This was also denied, which the law DOES NOT allow for, and I was subsequently penalized by the judge a second time for appealing his ruling, with a threat that the penalties would continue until I complied with his ruling, despite our valid and correctly filed appeal, and our filing to provide for surety as the law allows specifically in these matters. I believe this is referred to as Rule 241. Section 18-9-150.

I feel, and I must repeat I am not alone in this feeling, that this is clear evidence of a judge seeking to block my right to have the matter heard by a higher court. I don't know if it is out of fear of his rulings being overturned, or if there is some deeper impropriety as alleged by the plaintiff themselves, with regards to this attorney and judge, but I feel confident that if my case were to be viewed, by any other legal party, it would quickly become quite clear that what has transpired is entirely wrong. If it were not for Judge Bentley's aggressive and abusive behavior towards my attorney, where he was visibly upset and raised his voice at my attorney for appealing his ruling, combined with his threats to hold me in contempt and institute fines that would increase "every ten days", I would simply wait for this matter to go before the appellate court where I am confident it would be rightly sorted from there. However, it seems Judge Bentley is actively trying to prevent this case from reaching that court. Which is why after calling seemingly every legal entity I could imagine, and seeking advice from current judges and attorneys, the SC BAR, and even SLED, in an effort to ensure I was acting correctly, I truly feel I have no option left but to send you this letter, in the hopes it would land on receptive ears. I am not seeking special treatment, I am not seeking an overturning of anyones ruling or anything of the sort unless you find that appropriate. I am SIMPLY SEEKING to be afforded my rights to an appeal, without being persecuted by a judge upset that his rulings were appealed. It is my hope that sending you this letter, in some way accomplishes that. Regardless of the results, or if I receive even more persecution by this judge as a result of this letter, as I am sure I will, I truly wanted to thank you for your time in reading this.

Jason Brockman

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