

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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Appeal from Richland County

The Honorable Robert E. Hood

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**Jun 22 2023**

**SC Court of Appeals**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

Respondent,

V.

DIANA BIERNASKI JORDAN,

Appellant.

Appellate Case No. 2023-000090

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MOTION TO BE RELIEVED  
AS COUNSEL

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The undersigned counsel respectfully moves this Court to relieve the Division of Appellate Defense, Commission of Indigent Defense, as counsel for Appellant Diana Biernaski Jordan in her pending appeal before this Court. Counsel would show this Court that:

1. Appellant was indicted at the April 8, 2015 term of the Richland County Grand Jurors for four counts of Making a False Statement or Misrepresentation and four counts of forgery, value less than ten thousand dollars.

2. Appellant, pro se, was tried before the Honorable Robert E. Hood, and a jury from January 9-11, 2023. She was convicted and sentenced by Judge Hood to concurrent terms of five years imprisonment, suspended on one year of imprisonment, and five-years' probation.

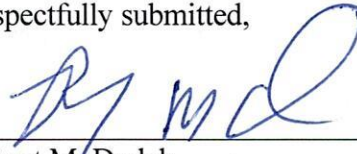
3. Appellant filed a pro-se notice of intent to appeal with this Court.

4. The Division of Appellate Defense then screened Appellant for indigency. After reviewing an affidavit of indigency, and two supplemental affidavits of indigency, this office notified appellant and this Court on June 9, 2023 that Appellant qualified for representation by our office.

5. However, on June 18, 2023, our office received an email from Appellant Jordan stating she wished to "remain pro-se."

WHEREFORE, undersigned counsel respectfully requests that this Court relieve the Division of Appellate Defense as counsel for Appellant Diana Biernaski Jordan. Counsel also requests that all timelines be held in abeyance pending a ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Robert M. Dudek  
Chief Appellate Defender

Attorney for Appellant

This 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2023.

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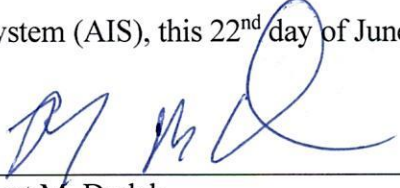
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that a true copy of the Motion to be Relieved as Counsel in the above referenced case has been served upon Diana Biernaski Jordan, 104 Woodglen Lane, Chapin, SC 29036 and opposing counsel, William M. Blich, Jr., Esquire, at his primary email address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2023.



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