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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
R. FERRELL COTHRAN, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Appellate Case No. 2023-000246

James E. Fender, ..... Appellant,


v.

Larry R. Hoffman and Allen Jackson Barnes, Defendants,  
Of Whom Allen Jackson Barnes is the ..... Respondent.

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I, Beth Cogan, an employee with Ballard & Watson, Attorneys at Law, do hereby certify that on June 29, 2023, I served a copy of the **Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter** in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by electronic mail using their email address listed in the Attorney Information System, addressed as follows:

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Mr. Barnes,

Please see the attached Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter that is being filed today with the Court of Appeals for the above-referenced matter.

Kindest Regards,  
-Beth

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing the **Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter** in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, these filing has been served upon counsel for the Respondents. Thank you for your time in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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