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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, South Carolina Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: The State v. Randy Collins – Appellate Case No. 2021-001176

Dear Ms. Howard:

The above-referenced criminal appeal is scheduled for oral argument before this Court on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. This letter is to request permission from the Court for me to be substituted as counsel of record for the State as I will be representing the State in the oral argument and going forward in this appeal. With the court's permission, I would also respectfully request for Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General William M. Blicht, Jr., who is leaving the South Carolina Attorney General's Office to assume the position of South Carolina Disciplinary Counsel, and Jonathan Scott Matthews, Esquire, who is now an Assistant United States Attorney, to be removed as counsel of record for the State in this matter. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information from this office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
S.C. Bar Number 76901

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cc: Robert Michael Dudek, Esquire  
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