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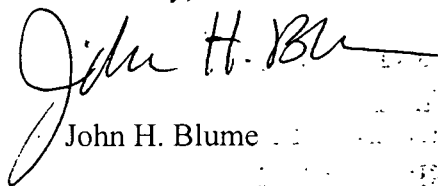
Re: *State v. Christopher Spriggs*  
2009-140446

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am *pro bono* counsel for Christopher Spriggs, and I am in receipt of your recent correspondence indicating that oral argument in the above referenced case may be scheduled in October, 2013; more specifically October 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. I am writing to inform the court that I will be unavailable the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>. I no longer reside full time in South Carolina as I now teach full time at Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. I will be in New York that week in connection with teaching and administrative responsibilities, and it would be a hardship to return to South Carolina that week. I would however, be available any day the following week when arguments are scheduled (the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>) for the argument in this case as that is our fall break. I could also arrange to be in South Carolina for the argument Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> if opposing counsel has a conflict the 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>.

I appreciate the Court's consideration of this request and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

  
John H. Blume

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