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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court of the S.C. Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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SC Court of Appeals

Re: RHH Land Investors, LLC v. Leonard Watts
Appellate Case No. 2023-001920

Dear Clerk:

In response to your letter of December 29, 2023, I provide the following information: I was provided the name of Veritext as the court reporting company on or about December 21, 2023 by the Plaintiff's office as they had hired the court reporter for the hearing. They did not have the actual court reporter's name but I immediately reached out to Veritext by telephone to inquire about the procedure for ordering the transcript. I was only able to leave them a voicemail to which I never received a response.

Upon receipt of the Court's letter of December 29, 2023, I immediately reached out to the Plaintiff's office and they agreed to assist with obtaining the information for the court reporter as I was not making any progress with locating the actual reporter. On December 29th, there were several emails back and forth between the Plaintiff's paralegal and the court reporting agency who ultimately forwarded my information to the court reporter who emailed me on Saturday morning, December 30, 2023.

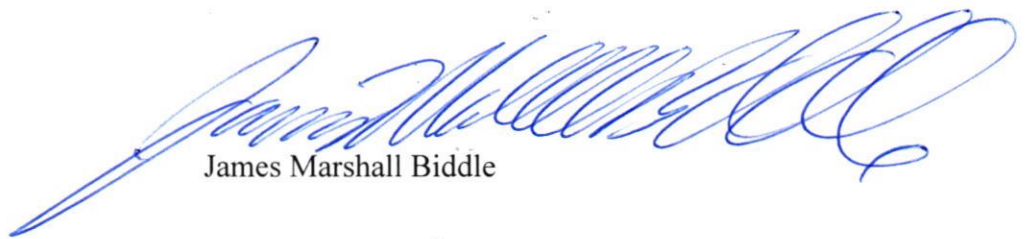
I advised her that I needed to order the transcript from the Hearing of September 18, 2023 and she asked that I provide her with the parties and the caption information which was immediately completed. She responded and advised that she would get the transcript prepared as soon as possible.

On January 3, 2024, I received an invoice for the completed transcript along with the notation that the transcript was completed and would be provided as soon as possible. In fact, the transcript was provided for download and received on January 4, 2024. I am in possession of the complete transcript as of January 4, 2024.

Based on the foregoing, it appears to me that the transcript was not ordered timely and I will prepare an appropriate motion to order transcript outside of the filing deadlines set by Rule 207 of the SCACR. Unless otherwise directed, I will immediately file the motion to order the transcript outside of the filing requirements. Assuming that will be approved and the motion granted, the initial brief shall be filed within thirty (30) days as required.

Should you have any questions or need any additional information regarding this matter,
Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,
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