

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

Clifton Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Case Nos. 2022-GS-15-00592; -00593; -00594; and -00595
Appellate Case No. 2023-000392

The State,

Respondent,

v.

Richard Alexander Murdaugh,

Appellant.

STATUS REPORT

Appellant, Richard Alexander Murdaugh, hereby submits his 30-day status report as required by this Court's Order entered October 17, 2023.

On October 27, 2023, Appellant filed the Motion for New Trial with the Colleton County Clerk of Court and served the same upon counsel for the State. On November 1, 2023, Appellant filed a Writ of Prohibition in the South Carolina Supreme Court seeking an order disqualifying the Honorable Clifton Newman from presiding over the Motion for New Trial. On November 16, 2023, the Supreme Court issued an order denying the Petition for Writ of Prohibition as moot because Judge Newman requested that a new judge be assigned to handle the post-trial motions in this case. On December 18, 2023, Chief Justice Beatty signed an Order designating the Honorable Jean Hoefler Toal to preside over the proceedings regarding Appellant's Motion for New Trial. On

January 16, 2024, Justice Toal conducted a status conference and has scheduled an evidentiary hearing for January 29-30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 17, 2024, I served the status report required by the Court's order of October 17, 2023, by emailing it to its attorney of record with the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Creighton Waters (cwaters@scag.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

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