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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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S.C. Supreme Court

Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Bernard Grooms
Civil Action No.: 2012-CP-40-5933

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

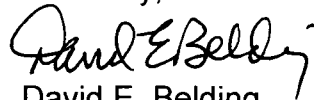
Enclosed for filing is a *Notice of Appeal* in the above-referenced case. Also enclosed are the following:

1. *Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal* on the Respondent.
2. A copy of the *Order of Commitment* which is challenged on appeal.

Since the Appellant is indigent, and the undersigned appeared as Court-appointed counsel in this matter, I respectfully request that the filing fee be waived pursuant to Rule 203(d), *South Carolina Appellate Court Rules*.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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Attorney for Appellant

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cc: Nicole T. Wetherton, Esquire
Attorney for Respondent