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February 6, 2024

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Devatee T. Clinton v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2019-001272

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced post-conviction relief appeal is scheduled for oral argument before this Court on February 6, 2024, at 11:20 a.m.

Please be advised that I was notified by a letter received yesterday that I had not certified my Rule 403, SCACR, paperwork. I filed the Rule 403, SCACR, certification this morning with the Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court. In an abundance of caution that my Rule 403, SCACR, is not completed, if permitted by this Court, I will be accompanied at the oral argument by Assistant Attorney General D. Russell Barlow, II, who has completed all requirements of Rule 403 and will remain present throughout the hearing. See Rule 403(a), SCACR ("Although admitted to practice law in this State, an attorney shall not appear as counsel in any hearing, trial, or deposition in a case pending before a court of this State until the attorney's trial experiences required by this rule have been approved by the Supreme Court. An attorney whose trial experiences have not been approved may appear as counsel if the attorney is accompanied by an attorney whose trial experiences have been approved under this rule or who is exempt from this rule, and the other attorney is present throughout the hearing, trial, or deposition.").

Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me, and do not hesitate to contact me at (803) 734-3737 if you have any questions or concerns or need any additional information from this office. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Attorney General
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Good Morning Jessica –

Attached is the letter I am filing with the Court regarding Ms. Balaj appearing for the oral argument. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



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