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February 8, 2024

Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court  
1220 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Francine Steineman v. Meridian Security Insurance Company  
Appellate Case No.: 2022-001510

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to your letter of February 7, 2024, regarding possible conflicts during the June 2024 term, I am respectfully requesting protection on June 6, 2024, due to a personal commitment on the night of June 5, 2024.

By copy to counsel of record I am advising all parties of this transmittal.

Sincerely,

s/Bert G. Utsey, III

Bert G. Utsey, III

BGU/sjc

cc: M. Dawes Cooke, Jr., Esquire (via e-mail)  
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