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The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings  
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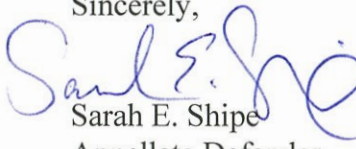
Re: Gerald R. Williams v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No. 2021-000783

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

In January 2022, Adam Ruffin filed the Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case. In March 2023, the case was reassigned to undersigned counsel. The Court granted certiorari and ordered briefing on February 8, 2024.

The Brief of Petitioner is due to be filed on March 11, 2024. While reviewing the case to file the Brief of Petitioner undersigned counsel became aware she worked on this case—on direct appeal—while working as a staff attorney at the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Chief Appellate Defender, Robert Dudek, advised counsel should make the Court aware of the possible appearance of a conflict. As such, Mr. Dudek reassigned the case to Gary Johnson. Please contact me if Court needs any additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
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