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George A. Cousins, 350976
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430 Oaklawn Road
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Re: George Cousins v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2024-000287

Dear Mr. Cousins,

This Court has received your notice of appeal, and the case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at www.sccourts.org/courtreg. Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02.

Please note that the responsibility for ensuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

For this matter to proceed, you will need to provide this Court with the following within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter:

(1) A proof of service showing that a copy of the notice of appeal has been served on the counsel for the State as required by Rule 243(b) and 203(d)(1)(B)(i), SCACR.

(2) As required by Rule 203(e)(1)(C), SCACR, a written statement indicating the date on which you received written notice of entry of the final order in this case.

(3) Further, since the order of the circuit court determined that this action is barred as being successive and/or as being untimely under the statute of limitations, Rule 243(c) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules requires you to provide a written explanation as to why this determination was improper. Please provide the explanation required by Rule 243(c) within twenty (20) days of the date of this letter. The explanation must contain sufficient facts, argument and citation to legal authority to show that there is an arguable basis for asserting that the determination by the lower court was improper. The failure to make a sufficient showing may result in the dismissal of this matter. If you intend for your notice of appeal to be construed as your explanation, you must respond to this letter asserting that fact.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Howard

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cc: Donald J. Zelenka