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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
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Columbia, SC 29211

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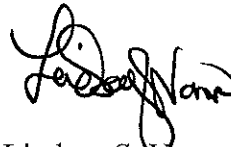
Re: *Stephen C. Stanko v. State of South Carolina*  
No. 2017-000211 (Georgetown)

Dear Ms. Howard:

I am writing to inform the Court that Stephen Stanko intends to pursue federal habeas review of his Georgetown County convictions and death sentence. To commence that process, today, Ms. Emily Paavola and I filed the attached Motion for Stay of Execution and Appointment of Counsel and Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* on Mr. Stanko's behalf in the federal district court for the District of South Carolina.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Lindsey S. Vann

cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)  
Anthony Mabry, Esq. (via email)