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July 16, 2024

South Carolina Court of Appeals  
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**SC Court of Appeals**

**Re: Charles Willis Gardner v. Taylor Reuben Adam and Beaufort County, South Carolina – 2017-CP-07-02110**

Dear Clerk of Court:

Pursuant to The South Carolina Court of Appeals' letter dated July, 9, 2024, the hearing transcript for the Motion to Reconsider was ordered on June 25, 2024. Our office has received the transcript. The two-day Trial Hearing transcript was requested on June 28, 2024 and has not been received yet. I have attached both emails requesting the transcripts.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

FINGER, MELNICK, BROOKS  
& LABRUCE, P. A.

Terry A. Finger

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Enclosures

cc: G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III  
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## Amy Ostrom

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**From:** Amy Ostrom  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:42 AM  
**To:** Coastal (david@coastalcourt.com)  
**Subject:** FW: Motion to Reconsider 2017-CP-0702110  
**Attachments:** Court Filed Motion to Reconsider.pdf; Notice of Hearing 5.22.2024.pdf

Good Morning David – Terry is going to need the transcript from this hearing.



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**From:** Amy Ostrom  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 9:39 AM  
**To:** david@coastalcourt.com  
**Subject:** Motion to Reconsider 2017-CP-0702110

Good Morning David – We have a Motion to Reconsider Hearing on Wednesday at 1:30 in front of Judge Dukes – can you provide a Court Reporter?



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**From:** McLeod, Heather <hmcleod@bcgov.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2024 11:59 AM  
**To:** Amy Ostrom  
**Subject:** RE: 2017CP0702110 Charles Willis Gardner vs. Taylor Reuben Adams

No worries and thanks for clarifying.

**Attention:**

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3. Ready to schedule a Trial/Final Hearing.

Thanking You in Advance,

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Good Morning Heather – I was not clear – I apologize – I am requesting the transcript for the two day trial – the court reporter was Ashley Manini.



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Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 5:14 PM

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Cc: Amanda Dowd <[amanda.dowd@buistbyars.com](mailto:amanda.dowd@buistbyars.com)>; Veronica Hagopian <[vhagopian@Fingerlaw.com](mailto:vhagopian@Fingerlaw.com)>; Wendy M. Hair <[WHair@hghpa.com](mailto:WHair@hghpa.com)>; Bernadene Giles <[bgiles@hghpa.com](mailto:bgiles@hghpa.com)>; Hamlin O'Kelley <[hamlin.okelley@buistbyars.com](mailto:hamlin.okelley@buistbyars.com)>; Terry Finger <[tfinger@Fingerlaw.com](mailto:tfinger@Fingerlaw.com)>

Subject: Re: 2017CP0702110 Charles Willis Gardner vs. Taylor Reuben Adams

I am not sure if there ws a court reporter or not. Robert

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From: McLeod, Heather <hmcleod@bcgov.net>

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:57:58 AM

To: Amy Ostrom

Cc: Amanda Dowd; Veronica Hagopian; Wendy M. Hair; Bernadene Giles; Hamlin O'Kelley; Robert W Achurch, III; Terry Finger

Subject: RE: 2017CP0702110 Charles Willis Gardner vs. Taylor Reuben Adams

Good Morning Amy:

I am not sure if there was a Court Reporter for the May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, hearing on the Reconsider Motion. I don't show that we use WebEx, so our office did not record the hearing. If there was a Court Reporter, one of the other attorneys made the arrangements. I have copied them on this email and hopefully one of them can let you know who, and if there was a Court Reporter.

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Good Morning Heather – Terry would like the May 22, 2024, 2 day Hearing Transcript on the above referenced matter.

Please let me know if I need to do anything further.

Thank you Heather!



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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III

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Case No.: 2017-CP-07-02110  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001053

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Charles Willis Gardner, Respondent,

v.

Taylor Reuben Adams, and  
Beaufort County, South Carolina,  
Defendants, of which  
Taylor Reuben Adams is the, Appellant.

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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I certify that I have served the Letter dated July 16, 2024 to South Carolina Court of Appeals on the Respondent, Charles Willis Gardner by email a copy of it to G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III, Attorney for Respondent, at email [Hamlin.okelley@buiistbyars.com](mailto:Hamlin.okelley@buiistbyars.com) and Robert W. Achurch, III and Dylan C. Kidd, attorneys for Beaufort County South Carolina at [RAchurch@hghpa.com](mailto:RAchurch@hghpa.com) and [dkidd@hghpa.com](mailto:dkidd@hghpa.com), and South Carolina Office of Court of Administration at address 1220 Senate Street, Suite 200, Columbia, SC 29201, on July 16, 2024. A copy of the sent email is attached.

July 16, 2024

s/ Terry A. Finger  
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**From:** Amy Ostrom  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2024 2:38 PM  
**To:** hamlin.okelley@buistbyars.com; Robert W Achurch, III; Dylan Kidd  
**Subject:** Charles Willis Gardner v. Taylor Reuben Adams, et al - Court of Appeals  
**Attachments:** South Carolina Court of Appeals Itr w.enclos. 7.16.2024.pdf; Proof of Service 7.16.2024.pdf

Good Afternoon - Attached please find the following documents which have been emailed to the Court of Appeals for filing:

- The South Carolina Court of Appeals Letter Dated July 16, 2024 with enclosures
- Proof of Service

Thank you.



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