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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Via Email (supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Petition for Original Jurisdiction
In Re: John W. Gardner, The Gardner Law Firm, P.A.
Appellate Case No. 2024-001130

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please consider this correspondence as the undersigned's notice of appearance as counsel for the Respondent in the above-captioned matter. Yesterday, we executed an Acceptance of Service on Respondent's behalf, confirming his receipt of a filed copy of the Petition for Original Jurisdiction that was filed in the Supreme Court on July 8, 2024.

Respondent intends to file a return in opposition to the petition in this matter. Pursuant to Rule 245(c), we understand that Respondent must file such a return within twenty days of service, which our office has calculated as resulting in a deadline for such return of August 5, 2024. Please advise as soon as possible if that calculation is in error so that Respondent may ensure a timely filed return for the Court's consideration.

Opposing counsel with respect to the petition is copied on this letter.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

S/ Desa Ballard

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