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SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS  
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Catherine Harrison, Deputy Clerk  
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29211-1629

RE Ronald Skipper v. Law Offices of Shea & Barron,  
Appellate Case No. #2024-000442

Clerk,

Please permit this correspondence to serve as a formal response, in lieu of a more formal pleadings, to this Court's directive dated June 27,2024, and served upon me, via Institutional Legal Mail Services, on July 8,2024. The following shall provide this Court with sufficient grounds relating to the request for production of transcript.

On March 6,2024, I served a formal request for information and production of a written transcript upon, Karen E. Ambroziak, Court Reporter, for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. When performing this act I could only presume this was the correct Circuit Court Reporter to whom had the recorded Court proceeding, via WEBEX.com. The Honorable De'Andre G. Benjamin, Chief

Administrative Judge, for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County, presided over this evidentiary hearing. (See attached hereto a true and accurate copy of correspondence dated March 6,2024).

On March 13,2024, I filed a Notice of Appeal with a copy of a Form [4] Order, denying the "Plaintiff's Motion To Alter/Amend Judgment [sic] (filed May 17,2024), is denied". (See attached hereto and incorporated herewith a true and accurate copy of the March 13,2024, Notice of Appeal).

On April 17,2024, I served a formal, correspondence upon, Jeanette W. McBride, Clerk of Court, for the Fifth Judicial Circuit,,Richland County, seeking disclosure of the specific Court Reporter to whom had actual and/or constructive possession of the transcript of the hearing dated February 24,2021. It had become apparent that Ms. Ambroziak was not going to respond and/or comply with my previous request, and I attempted to rectify this problem by contacting the Clerk's Office. (See attached hereto and incorporated herewith a true and accurate copy of the correspondence dated April 17,2024).

On June 10,2024, after waiting an appropriate amount of time for the CLERK to respond; and having contacted a personal friend of mine who is a licensed attorney, I discovered and was provided a "Transcript Request Form", and I filled it out and served it upon, Tiffany Raines, South Carolina Court Administration, Supervisor. (See attached hereto and incorporated herewith a true and accurate copy of the Form dated June 10,2024). Please not for this record that, in all the years I have been seeking transcripts for appellate purposes, I never had to submit such a request form. I take notice that this Form was revised 03/2023. I would simply write a Court Reporter a letter and receive the necessary information to have the transcript,

transcribed into written form and pay the costs for delivery.

As this record demonstrates, I sought to have the transcript ordered and prepared, prior, to the filing of the Notice of Appeal, and since that time I have diligently attempted to locate, communicate and/or obtain a copy of the transcript of that proceeding now on appeal. I was not aware of the provision that provides I was to serve all parties of record, to include this Court, with copies of all correspondences central to the matter of the ordering of the transcript.

Also, please take note that on, April 29,2024, I notified all parties, to include this Court, of my being transferred from Perry Correctional Institution to Evans Correctional Institution. So taking that into account I stillr receive legal mail from PCI. Of course, it is diverted from PCI to ECI, it just takes a little bit longer for me to receive it.

On June 10,2024, I served a "Transcript Request Form" upon, Tiffany Raines, requesting information as to having the hearing transcript prepared. As of the date of this responsive correspondence, I have yet to be informed or disclosed, any information pertaining to the Court Reporter or actual transcript.

We must consider one more point, Rule 207(a)(1), South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, SCACR, provides that I must serve all parties, to include this Court, with a copy of the communications between myself and the Court Reporter. I believe thatI am to first be provided "notice" of who the actual Court Reporter is ... and when that individual is identified, all the communique' thereafter. I do not believe that I have failed to follow any procedural rule. If this Court were to take that position, I would remind it that such a deprivation is a slight

technical situation, not a jurisdictional circumstance. Furthermore, it is my position that the Court Rules cannot be used or construed in a manner to operate as a trap for the unwary individual. C.f., Gamble v. State, 298 S.C. 176, 379 S.E.2d 118 (1989)(stating the rule applicable to pcr actions should not be construed in a manner which operates as a trap for the unwary or deprive an applicant of the adjudication on the merits of the original petition).

With this in mind, we must take into consideration that I have diligently, even prior to filing the Notice of Appeal (March 13,2024), (and the original request served March 6,2024), attempting to have pertinent information made available to me, (i.e., postage, costs, copying, etc.), so that I may receive said transcript. It is not as if I have been "sitting on my hands" and not, at least, trying to receive the transcript. I would respectfully request that this Court consider these facts, and claims, and permit this appeal to run the guantlet of this Court and appellate process.

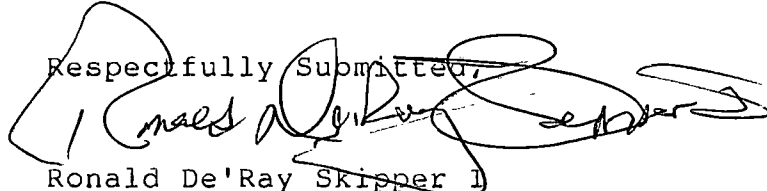
If I may be of any further assistance to this Court, in these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this Court's time and attention to these matters.

July 11.2024

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RICHLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT REPORTERS  
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
Karen E. Ambroziak, Court Reporter  
1701 Main Street, Room 222  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29202

RE: ORDERING OF TRANSCRIPT  
Skipper v. Shea et.al, #2019-CP-40-4210

Circuit COURT Reporter,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as a formal inquiry, and request, for the ordering of a transcript in the case of: Ronald De'Ray Skipper I #138244 v. LAW OFFICES OF SHEA & BARRON, David C. Shea, Esquire & Pamela Mae Millard, #2019-CP-40-4210.

A dismissal hearing was held before the Honorable DeAndre G. Benjamin, Chief Administrative Circuit Court Judge, on February 24, 2021, via WEB.COM video proceedings. Since that time I have been awaiting a final order, due to filing for reconsideration.

On February 7, 2024, the Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge, has issued a Form 4 Order denying the motion for reconsideration. That Form 4 Order was served upon me, on February 21, 2024.

On March 5, 2024, I applied for a check in the amount of a filing fee, and am assured it will be returned next week. I will be appealing to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. It is imperative that I be able to procure a copy, in written form, as earliest as possible so that I may have for the Briefing stages of the appeal. At this Court Reporter earliest convenience, please forward me the amounts necessary for obtaining this transcript.

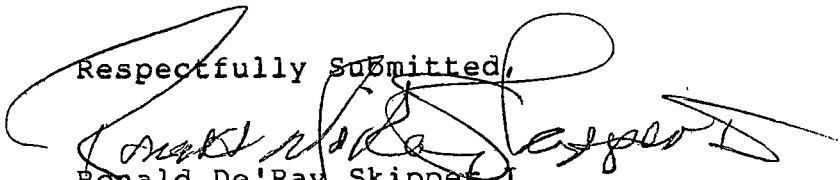
If I may be of any further assistance to this Court Reporter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this Court Reports' time and attention in this matter.

March 6, 2024

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

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CASE NO. #2019-CP-40-04210

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LAW OFFICES OF SHEA & BARRON,  
David C. Shea, Esquire; and  
Pamela Mae Millard ..... Respondents,

-vs-

Ronald De'Ray Skipper I ..... Appellant.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Ronald De'Ray Skipper I #138244, appeals the judgment of the Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge, from the denial of a Motion For Reconsideration, issued February 7, 2024, and received by Appellant, via Institutional Legal Mail Services, on February 21, 2024.

other counsel(s) of record:

LAW OFFICES OF ROBINSON,  
GRAY, STEPP & LAFFITE  
J. Calhoun, Esquire  
1310 Gadsden Street  
Post Office Box 11449  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29211-1449; and

Pamela Mae Millard  
PRO SE Defendant  
5098 Rio Dosa Downs  
Hope Mills, North Carolina  
28348

s/ 

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF RICHLAND  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGMENT IN A CIVIL CASE

CASE NO. 2019 CP-40-04210

RONALD DE'RAY SKIPPER (SCDC #138244)

LAW OFFICES OF SHEA & BARRON

PLAINTIFF(S)

DEFENDANT(S)

Submitted by: NEWMAN, J.

Attorney for :  Plaintiff  Defendant  
or  
 Self-Represented Litigant

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DISPOSITION TYPE (CHECK ONE)

- JURY VERDICT.** This action came before the court for a trial by jury. The issues have been tried and a verdict rendered.
- DECISION BY THE COURT.** This action came to trial or hearing before the court. The issues have been tried or heard and a decision rendered.  See Page 2 for additional information.
- ACTION DISMISSED (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 12(b), SCRPC;  Rule 41(a), SCRPC (Vol. Nonsuit);  Rule 43(k), SCRPC (Settled);  Other
- ACTION STRICKEN (CHECK REASON):**  Rule 40(j), SCRPC;  Bankruptcy;  Binding arbitration, subject to right to restore to confirm, vacate or modify arbitration award;  Other
- STAYED DUE TO BANKRUPTCY**
- DISPOSITION OF APPEAL TO THE CIRCUIT COURT (CHECK APPLICABLE BOX):**  
 Affirmed;  Reversed;  Remanded;  Other

NOTE: ATTORNEYS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING LOWER COURT, TRIBUNAL, OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT RULING IN THIS APPEAL.

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:  See attached order (formal order to follow)  Statement of Judgment by the Court:

Plaintiff's Motion to Alter/Amend Judgement [sic] (filed on May 17, 2021) is DENIED.

RICHLAND COUNTY  
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JEANETTE W. McBRIDE  
C.C.P. S.S., & F.C.

ORDER INFORMATION

This order  ends  does not end the case.

Additional Information for the Clerk :

The judgment information above has been provided by the submitting party. Disputes concerning the amounts contained in this form may be addressed by way of motion pursuant to the SC Rules of Civil Procedure. Amounts to be computed such as interest or additional taxable costs not available at the time the form and final order are submitted to the judge may be provided to the clerk. Note: Title abstractors and researchers should refer to the official court order for judgment details.

E-Filing Note: In E-Filing counties, the Court will electronically sign this form using a separate electronic signature page.

*Joubert Newman*  
Circuit Court Judge<sup>1</sup>

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Judge Code

February 5, 2024  
Date

<sup>1</sup> This Order is entered pursuant to Rule 63, SCRPC, and Supreme Court Administrative Order 2019-06-28-02.



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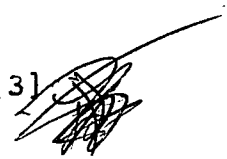
Ronald De'Ray Skipper I ..... Appellant.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Ronald De'Ray Skipper I #138244, certify that I have served a copy of the: (1) Notice of Appeal; (2) Form [4] Order; and (3) Certificate of Service, by depositing a copy of the same, in the United States Postal Service, First Class postage affixed htereon, addressed as follows:



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ADDENDUM SHEETS

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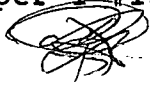
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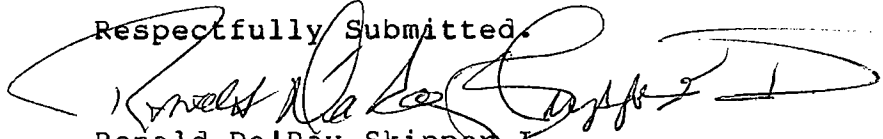
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29201-2766

RE: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - COURT REPORTER  
Skipper v. Shea & Millard, #2019-CP-40-04210

Clerk,

Please permit this correspondence to serve as a formal request for information regarding identifying a Circuit Court Reporter whom recorded an evidentiary proceeding, via WEBEX.com.

On February 24, 2021, an evidentiary hearing was convened, via WEBEX.com, concerning a Motion To Dismiss, where the Honorable De'Andre G. Benjamin, Chief Administrative Judge, for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Richland County, presided over this action. The case was captioned and docketed as: Ronald De'Ray Skipper I v. The Law Offices of Shea & Barron, David C. Shea, Esquire, and Pamela M. Millard, #2019-CP-40-04210.

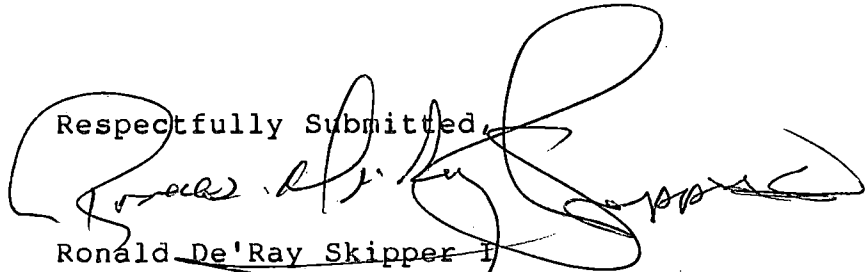
On March 6, 2024, I served a formal request upon, Karen E. Ambroziak, Court Reporter, seeking costs and information as to this transcript. I have yet to be contacted by this Court

Reporter and may have not contacted the proper or correct individual. At this Office's earliest convenience, please check your records and disclose to me the name and address, and any other pertinent information relating to this specific request.

If I may be of any further assistance to this Office, in these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this Office's time and attention to these matters.

April 17, 2024

Respectfully Submitted,



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RE: CHANGE OF ADDRESS - TRANSFERED  
Skipper v. Shea & Millard, #2024-000442

Clerk,

Please allow this correspondence to serve as notice to this Court, and all parties associated herewith, that this Appellant (Ronald De'Ray Skipper I #138244), has been transferred to the Evans Correctional Institution (ECI), the week of April 16, 2024. His new address is:

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A copy of this notification has been served upon all parties of record, and provides sufficient information of said changes.

Furthermore, I have yet to receive any information pertaining to the transcript, as far as date of delivery, costs, and notice that the Court Reporter may require additional time. As as soon as receive any information I shall inform this Court, and all parties associated herewith.

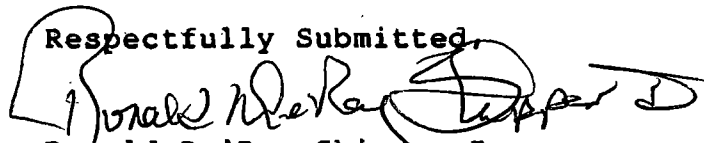
If I may be of any further assistance to this Court, in these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this Court's time and attention in these matters.

April 29, 2024

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SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ADMINISTRATOR  
Tiffany Raines, Supervisor  
1220 Senate Street, Suite 200  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29201-3739

RE: REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPT  
Skipper v. Shea & Millard, #2019-CP-40-04210

Supervisor,

Please permit this correspondence to serve as a formal request for production of an evidentiary hearing transcript related to the above case.

At this Office's earliest convenience, please contact me with the necessary for compliance with this request. Please find a copy of the Transcript Request Form.

If I may be of any further assistance to this Office, in these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for this Office's time and attention in these matters.

June 10, 2024

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SCCA

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**South Carolina Judicial Branch**  
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Pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the transcribed paper copy is the official record of court proceedings. You may request a transcript by completing this form and emailing it to the Reporter/Transcriptionist and to South Carolina Court Administration at [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org). If WebEx or DCRP were used to capture the record, please indicate below and send the form to [transcripts@sccourts.org](mailto:transcripts@sccourts.org).

Requestor's Information			
Full Name <b>Ronald De'Ray Skipper I</b>	Law Firm/Agency <b>Pro Se</b>	Phone Number <b>N/A</b>	
Email Address <b>N/A</b>		Mailing Address <b>PO Box 29512, Benn., SC 29512</b>	
Is the requestor a party in the case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If no, does the requestor represent a party? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, name of party			
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Presiding Judge <b>D'Andrea G. Benjamin, Judge</b>		Special Circumstances Is the hearing to be transcribed one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Termination of parental rights <input type="checkbox"/> Adoption <input type="checkbox"/> Any actions involving child custody/visitation.	
Opposing Counsel(s) (name and email address) <b>J. Clahoun Watson, Esquire</b>		Delivery Timeframe (check Rule 607 for current page rates) <input type="checkbox"/> Quote <input type="checkbox"/> Rough Draft <input type="checkbox"/> Overnight delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Daily delivery <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited delivery (7 days) <b>Due on/before:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Regular delivery (60 days)	
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Next Hearing Date			

Requestor's Signature: *Ronald De'Ray Skipper I* Date: June 10, 2024  
(Typed name will serve as signature)

**NOTE:** Requests will be processed pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the SCACR. Rule 607(h) governs the fees for transcripts, which are not provided for free or at reduced rates to any party, regardless of indigent status. Please promptly submit your payment in the method of payment requested, in order for the transcript to be produced. In some cases, a deposit may be required before the transcript can be placed in the production queue. You may also request a quote before deciding to order. *If you need to cancel the transcript request for any reason, you are responsible for paying for the pages of the transcript that have already been completed at the time of the cancellation.*

If you are ordering a transcript pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, you must contemporaneously furnish all parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter or transcriptionist.

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