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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
Post Office Box 11629
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: Benjamin J. Hayes v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2024-000929

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

The above-referenced matter is currently pending before this Court. With the court's permission, I respectfully request to please be substituted as counsel of record for the State in place of Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General Mark R. Farthing, Mary Jordan Neal Lempesis, Esquire, and Brian C. Kiel, Esquire, as I intend to represent the State in this matter going forward. This letter is to confirm our office received Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter in the above-referenced case and to advise you that I will be representing the State in this appeal. Please forward all future correspondence regarding this matter directly to me.

I look forward to working with you on this case.

Sincerely,

J. Benjamin Aplin
Assistant Attorney General
SC Bar No. 8729

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cc: William S. Hammett, III, Esquire
Victim Advocacy Division