

**FORM 7  
NOTICE OF APPEAL IN A CIVIL CASE**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals  
[In The Supreme Court]

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APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

R. Ferrell Cothran Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2022-CP-43-1781

Sykes Enterprises Inc., a Business Process  
Outsourcing Company; Vanessa Cox; Fausto  
Salas; Johnny Villalobos; Latoya Walker-Cole;  
Jane Does 1-5; and John Does 1-5,

Respondents,

v.

R. Michael Ardis,

Appellant,

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on the Respondents by providing same via electronic mail on August 3, 2024, addressed to their attorney of record, Jeffrey A. Lehrer, at and through his email address: [jlehrer@fordharrison.com](mailto:jlehrer@fordharrison.com)



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**FORM 9  
LETTER TO CLERK FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court for the S.C Court of Appeals  
1220 Senate Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Sykes Enterprises Inc., a Business Process Outsourcing Company; Vanessa Cox; Fausto Salas; Johnny Villalobos; Latoya Walker-Cole; Jane Does 1-5; and John Does 1-5, Respondents v. R. Michael Ardis, Appellant, Case No. 2022-CP-43-1781

Dear Clerk Kitchings,


Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case. The other documents are in compliance with the order of this court dated July 24, 2024, received by me on July 26, 2024. A copy of that order is also included.

I am writing to respectfully request that the court grants me indigent status and accepts and files this appeal without payment of costs. I have been involved in an ongoing child custody litigation, for the past several years. An all day final hearing, in that matter, was held on July 15, 2024, and written closing arguments, proposed parenting plans, a proposed order for contempt, and the award of attorney's fees and costs, etc., are due to that court by August 15, 2024.

I searched online and was unable to locate a civil indigent form for appeals. The attached financial affidavit was filed in the domestic relations child custody case in Florida on July 8, 2024. Based upon the attached financial affidavit I have a negative net monthly income of -4,553.42, and a negative net worth of -14,960. I am unable to pay the appeal filing fee to this court.

Accordingly, I am respectfully requesting that the court grants me indigent status for purposes of pursuing this appeal.

Respectfully submitted on August 3, 2024

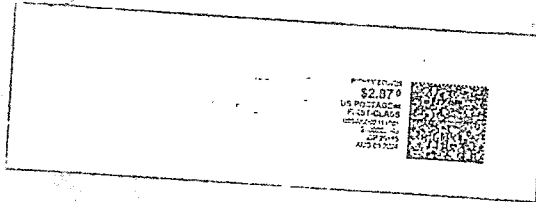


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