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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

COLLETON COUNTY
Court of General Sessions

The Honorable Clifton B. Newman, Circuit Judge
The Honorable Jean Hofer Toal, Chief Justice (Ret.)

Appellate Case Nos. 2023-000392 and 2024-000576

The StateRespondent,

v.

Richard Alexander Murdaugh.....Appellant.

**APPELLANT RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH'S
RETURN TO INTERVENORS' PETITION FOR LIMITED INTERVENTION AND
MOTION TO UNSEAL RECORD**

The Murdaugh affair has repeatedly demonstrated the critical importance of public access to judicial proceedings. Appellant Richard Alexander Murdaugh's admitted financial crimes likely could not have happened in the sunlight of full public access to the involved judicial proceedings. Appellant himself then became a victim of secret misconduct in a Lowcountry courtroom when the Clerk of Court engaged in secret jury tampering for personal gain during his murder trial. Nevertheless, because Appellant has no knowledge of the factual basis for the State's opposition to unsealing the record, he takes no position regarding Intervenors' requested relief.

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