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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11330
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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

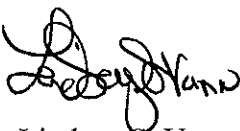
Dear Ms. Howard:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), and the Court's order dated November 17, 2022, I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

Mr. Wood's pre-hearing litigation is ongoing. The case had been stayed during the pendency of the *Owens v. Stirling*, No. 2022-001280. On June 26, 2024, Judge Knie ruled on the issue of *ex parte* funding proceedings. Prehearing investigation is ongoing.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Lindsey S. Vann

cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)
Judge Grace Knie (via email)