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VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Please type your answers in the space provided. Provide an answer for every question asked. In your own handwriting, sign in all spaces where a signature is required (no e-signatures). The accompanying certificate of good standing should not be older than 90 days at the time of the filing of this application.

<u>Yamilette Albertson, et al.</u>	<u>2024-002062</u>	<u>Supreme Court of South Carolina</u>
Plaintiff	Case No.	Tribunal
vs.		
<u>Ellen Weaver, State Sup't of Educ.</u>	Mailing Address of Tribunal:	<u>Supreme Court of South Carolina</u>
Defendant		<u>P.O. Box 11330</u>
		<u>Columbia, SC 29211</u>

Comes now Wendy Lecker, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:
98 Larkspur Road

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Fairfield</u>	<u>CT</u>	<u>06903</u>
<u>Stamford</u>			
<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
<u>203-536-7567</u>			
<u>Telephone</u>			

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Education Law Center, with offices at 60 Park Place Suite 300

<u>Street Address</u>	<u>Essex</u>	<u>NJ</u>	<u>07102</u>
<u>Newark</u>			
<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip Code</u>
<u>973-624-1815</u>	<u>203-536-7567</u>	<u>973-624-7339</u>	<u>wlecker@edlawcenter.org</u>
<u>Primary Telephone</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Fax Number</u>	<u>Email Address</u>

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by Proposed Intervenor-Respondents to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since June of 1989, Applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of New York where Applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law. It is not necessary to provide a certificate of good standing from all courts before which you are admitted.

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5. List all courts before which Applicant has been admitted to practice law, including United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and state courts or the District of Columbia.

Court:	Date Admitted:
New York	June 19, 1989
Connecticut	December 8, 1988

Is Applicant presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above? List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.

yes

6. Is Applicant presently subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, or has Applicant been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency? If yes, give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date.

no

7. Has Applicant had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked? If yes give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.

no

8. Has Applicant had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked? If yes, give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement.

no

9. Please be aware that local counsel must be Rule 403 certified. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is Brian Critzer of the WYCHE, P.A.

law firm, which has offices at:

807 Gervais Street, Suite 301

Street Address Columbia	Richland	South Carolina	29201
City (803) 254-6542	County	State 803-254-6544	Zip Code bcritzer@wyche.com
Primary Telephone	Cell Phone	Fax Number	Email Address

South Carolina Bar Number
(You must provide Bar Number)

10. Has Applicant previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in South Carolina cases? If yes, give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.

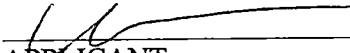
Eidson, et al. v. South Carolina Dept of Educ., decision has been issued, case is resolved, local counsel-
W. Allen Nickles III, Nickles Law Firm, date of application: 10-25-2023, application was granted

11. Does Applicant agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct? Does Applicant consent to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

yes

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 6th day of January, 20 25



APPLICANT

VERIFICATION

STATE OF New York)

COUNTY OF Bronx)

I, Wendy Lecker, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.

[Signature]
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of January, 20 25

[Signature]
(Notary Signature)

PETER J. SCHAFFER
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 02SC6005758
Qualified in Bronx County
Commission Expires 04/20/2026

Notary Public for the State of New York
My Commission Expires: 4/20/2026

LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission *Pro Hac Vice* to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 6 day of January, 20 25

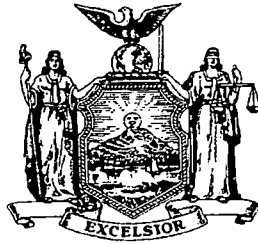
[Signature]
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by mail addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this

6th day of January, 20 25

[Signature]



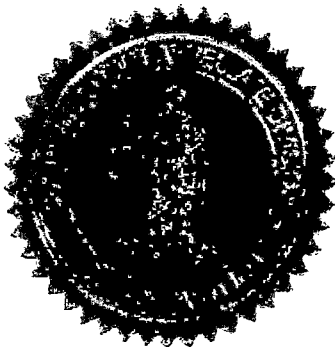
*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
First Judicial Department*

*I, Susanna M. Rojas, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the
Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Judicial
Department, do hereby certify that*

Wendy Carolyn Lecker

*was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and
Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on June 19, 1989,
has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law,
has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law
on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court
Administration, and according to the records of this Court is
currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand in the City of New York on
October 21, 2024.*



Susanna M. Rojas

Clerk of the Court



Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Department

DIANNE T. RENWICK
PRESIDING JUSTICE

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CLERK OF THE COURT

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DOUGLAS C. SULLIVAN
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COURT

To Whom It May Concern

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on the website of the Unified Court System.

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the Attorney Grievance Committee of the First Judicial Department.

Bar examination history is available from the New York State Board of Law Examiners.

Instructions, forms and links are available on this Court's website.

Susanna Rojas
Clerk of the Court

Revised October 2020

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Attorneys at Law

January 6, 2025

VIA HAND DELIVERY

South Carolina Supreme Court
Office of Bar Admissions
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: *Yamilette Albertson, et al. v. Ellen Weaver, State Sup't of Educ.*
Case No. 2024-002062

Dear Bar Admissions Office:

Enclosed please find copies of the Verified Applications for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* in the State of South Carolina for Wendy Lecker of the Education Law Center and Kristin Hollar of the National Education Association. We are also enclosing two checks in the amount of \$250.00 each for the application fees. It is our understanding that you will certify the applications to the Supreme Court.

Under separate cover, we will file the original Verified Applications for Admission *Pro Hac Vice* with the Supreme Court.

Thank you for your consideration of these applications.

Sincerely,



Brian Critzer
(803) 254-6542
bcritzer@wyche.com

Enclosures as stated.

cc: Wendy Lecker (via email only, w/enclosures)
Kristin Hollar (via email only, w/enclosures)

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