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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
WORKER'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION

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APPEAL FROM APPELLANT PANEL DECISION AND ORDER  
RICHLAND COUNTY  
October 14, 2024

COMMISSION PANEL: The Honorable Cynthia C. Dooley; The  
Honorable Gene McCaskill; and The Honorable T. Scott Beck

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SCWCC File Number: 2220416

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SHANARD RIVERS,

Appellant,

v.

SAFFRONS INC.,  
And ALLMERICA FINANCIAL BENEFIT INS. CO.,

Respondents.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Appellant respectfully appeals from the Appellant Panel Decision and Order in  
Defendant/Respondent's favor filed on December 13, 2024.

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on all parties of interest via electronic transmission on January 8, 2025.

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Re: Shanard L. Rivers v, Saffrons, Inc., and Allmerica Financial Benefit Ins. Co.  
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing is the original and one (1) copy of the Notice of Appeal in the above case along with our filing fee in the amount of \$250.00. Also enclosed are the following:

- (1) Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Commission Panel and Respondents.
- (2) A copy of the Appellant Panel's Decision and Order entered December 13, 2024, reversing Single Commissioner's Decision and Order filed on July 17, 2024, which is to be challenged on appeal.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

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