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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM SUMTER COUNTY
R. FERRELL COTHRAN, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Appellate Case No. 2023-000246

James E. Fender,Appellant,

v.

Larry R. Hoffman and Allen Jackson Barnes, Defendants,
Of Whom Allen Jackson Barnes is theRespondent.

MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Appellant James E. Fender (“Appellant”) has received notice that this appeal is to be considered by the Court during the February 2025 term without oral argument, pursuant to Rule 215, SCARC. Appellant files this motion pursuant to Rule 240, SCACR, to request that this Honorable Court schedule this matter for oral argument. Appellant is informed and believes that oral argument would assist the Court in evaluating and determining the issues on appeal and respectfully moves for an order permitting oral argument to be scheduled. Furthermore, Appellant understands and acknowledges that this request may cause the Court’s consideration of this matter to be delayed until a later term, and he specifically consents to scheduling after the February 2025 term.

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Respectfully submitted,

s/ Desa Ballard

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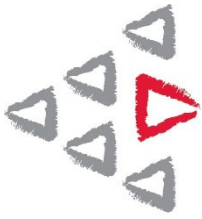
PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Beth Cogan, an employee with Ballard & Watson, do hereby certify that on February 16, 2023, I served a copy of the **Motion for Oral Argument** in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by electronic mail using their email address listed in the Attorney Information System, addressed as follows:

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Re: *James Fender v. Larry Hoffman*
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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing, please find a Motion for oral argument and Proof of Service for the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) of the Supreme Court's amended administrative order dated May 6, 2022 ("Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules" originally dated August 25, 2021) a check for the filing fee is being forwarded separately via US mail.

By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, this filing has been served upon counsel for the Respondent.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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