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SC Court of Appeals

Via E-mail [ctappfilings@sccourts.org]

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

**RE: Wedgewood Condominium Association vs. Centex Homes (3)
Appellate Case No. 2023-001150**

Dear Mrs. Kitchings:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 11, 2025, regarding oral argument in this matter. I do not have any current conflicts on June 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, or 12, 2025.

However, I have been admitted to appear before the Court, *pro hac vice*, in the above-referenced appeal, and my co-counsel and the local attorney of record for Centex Homes, Mr. Hildebrand, has court protection pursuant to the attached Secure Leave Confirmation and is unavailable June 5, 10-12. Mr. Hildebrand is available on June 2, 3, and 4, 2025.

Pursuant to Rule 404(i), SCACR, the local attorney of record is required to attend all proceedings unless the Court specifically excuses his attendance. Therefore, if the Court chooses to proceed with scheduling oral argument on the dates during which Mr. Hildebrand has court protection, then we respectfully request that Mr. Hildebrand be excused from attending oral argument and either Mr. Dawson or Mr. DesChamps appear as the local counsel of record for Centex Homes.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steph Douglas'.

Stephanie A. Douglas

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cc: Thomas C. Hildbrand, Jr., Esq.
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