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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

May 15, 2012

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk  
South Carolina Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 11330  
Columbia, S.C. 29211


Re: *Kenneth Simmons v. State of South Carolina*, 05-CP-18-1368

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471 S.E.2d 140 (1996), I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case. Mr. Simmons' PCR hearing took place, in part, on February 1-4, 2010. The State offered additional live testimony in Bamberg on December 15, 2011. We are preparing for a final court date scheduled for the Applicant's reply witnesses on July 2, 2012.

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

Sincerely yours,

  
Emily C. Paavola