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In the Court of Common Pleas for the Ninth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Marvin H. Dukes, III

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Case No. 2017-CP-07-02110  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001053

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Charles Willis Gardner.....Respondent,

vs.

Taylor Reuben Adams, and Beaufort County, South Carolina, Defendants,

of which Taylor Reuben Adams is the.....Appellant,

AND

Beaufort County, South Carolina is a.....Respondent.

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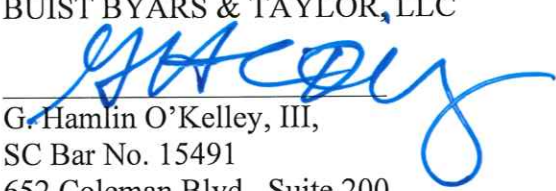
I certify that I have served the Respondent’s Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal by depositing a copy of same in Via Email [tfinger@fingerlaw.com](mailto:tfinger@fingerlaw.com) and [rachurch@hgpha.com](mailto:rachurch@hgpha.com) and Via US Mail, addressed to Terry A. Finger, Finger, Melnick, Brooks & LaBruce, PA, PO Box 24005, Hilton Head Island, SC 29925-4005 and Robert W. Achurch, III, Howell, Gibson and Hughes, PA, PO Box 40, Beaufort, South Carolina 29901-0040.

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*RE: Charles Willis Gardner v Taylor Reuben Adams et al.*  
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*Client File No.: 9961.0001*

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the Respondent's Initial Brief, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service in the above-referenced matter along.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Hamlin O'Kelley, III'.

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