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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: *Kevin Mercer v. State of South Carolina*, 2009-CP-32-5465

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. The lower court entered an order granting Post-Conviction Relief. Both parties have filed notices of appeal. Cross petitions for a writ of *certiorari* have been filed. Respondent's final brief is due to be filed on May 21, 2012.

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

Sincerely yours,


Emily C. Paavola