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EXHIBIT A

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VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA S.C. SUPREME COURT

Please type your answers in the space provided. Provide an answer for every question asked. In your own handwriting, sign in all spaces where a signature is required (no e-signatures). The accompanying certificate of good standing should not be older than 90 days at the time of the filing of this application.

Mikal D. Mahdi 2025-000524 South Carolina Supreme Court
Plaintiff Case No. Tribunal
vs. Bryan P. Sterling, Commissioner, Mailing Address of Tribunal: 1231 Gervais St
South Carolina Department of Corrections Columbia, SC 29201
Defendant

Comes now Athanasia Charmani, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:

[Redacted]
Street Address Jersey City Hudson NJ 07310
City County State Zip Code
[Redacted]
Telephone

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Winston & Strawn, LLP, with offices at

200 Park Avenue
Street Address New York New York NY 10166
City County State Zip Code
(212) 294-6700 (212) 294-4700 acharmani@winston.com
Primary Telephone Cell Phone Fax Number Email Address

3. Applicant has been retained personally or as a member of the above-named law firm by Time Served, Criminal Practice Clinic at the University of South Carolina, and The Gault Center ("Amici Curiae") to provide legal representation in connection with the above case now pending before the above-named tribunal of the State of South Carolina.

4. Since August of 2013, Applicant has been, and presently is, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State of New York where Applicant regularly practices law. Attached is a certificate of good standing dated within the last 90 days from the bar of the highest court of the District of Columbia or the State where applicant regularly practices law. It is not necessary to provide a certificate of good standing from all courts before which you are admitted.

5. List all courts before which Applicant has been admitted to practice law, including United States District Courts; United States Circuit Courts of Appeals; the Supreme Court of the United States; and state courts or the District of Columbia.

Court:	Date Admitted:
NY Eastern District	3/21/2017
NY Southern District	3/21/2017
US Supreme Court	3/20/2019
USCA 4th Circuit	11/30/2018
USCA 5th Circuit	4/9/2019

Is Applicant presently a member in good standing of the bars of those courts listed above? List any court named in the preceding paragraph that applicant is no longer admitted to practice before.

Yes

6. Is Applicant presently subject to any suspension or disbarment proceedings, or has Applicant been formally notified of any complaints pending before a disciplinary agency? If yes, give particulars, e.g., jurisdiction, court date.

No

7. Has Applicant had any application for admission *pro hac vice* in this or any other jurisdiction denied or any *pro hac vice* admission revoked? If yes give particulars, e.g., date, court, docket number, judge, circumstances; attach a copy of any order of denial or revocation.

No

8. Has Applicant had any certificate or privilege to appear and practice before any court or administrative body suspended or revoked? If yes, give particulars, e.g., date, court, administrative body, date of suspension and reinstatement.

No

9. Please be aware that local counsel must be Rule 403 certified. Local counsel of record associated with Applicant in this case is Stuart M. Andrews, Jr. of the Burnette Shutt & McDaniel, PA law firm, which has offices at:

P. O. Box 1929, 912 Lady Street
 Street Address
Columbia Richland SC 29202
 City County State Zip Code
803-904-7915 803-904-7910 sandrews@burnetteshutt.law
 Primary Telephone Cell Phone Fax Number Email Address

South Carolina Bar Number
(You must provide Bar Number)

10. Has Applicant previously filed an application to appear *pro hac vice* in South Carolina cases? If yes, give case name and status of litigation, date of application, local counsel of record in each case, and state whether application is pending or was granted.

No

11. Does Applicant agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct? Does Applicant consent to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer Conduct.

Yes

12. Applicant respectfully requests to be admitted to practice in the above-named tribunal for this case only.

DATED this 20th day of March, 2025

APPLICANT



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COUNTY OF Hudson

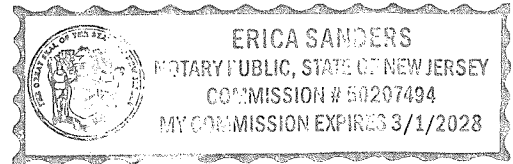
I, Atanasia Amanai, do hereby swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am the applicant in the above-styled matter; that I have read the foregoing application and know the contents thereof; and that the contents are true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated on information and belief, and that as to those matters I believe them to be true. I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application until the tribunal has ruled on the motion for admission pro hac vice. Further, if the motion is granted, I understand that I am under a continuing duty to promptly update the information provided in the application as long as I continue to appear pro hac vice in the action or proceeding. Any updated information shall be provided to both the tribunal that granted the motion and to the tribunal in which the action or proceeding may then be pending.

[Signature]
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of March, 20 25

[Signature]
(Notary Signature)

Notary Public for the State of New Jersey
My Commission Expires: 13/01/2028



LOCAL COUNSEL CONSENT

I hereby consent, as local counsel of record, to the association of applicant in this cause pursuant to Rules Governing Admission Pro Hac Vice to the South Carolina Bar.

DATED this 24th day of MARCH, 20 25

[Signature]
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

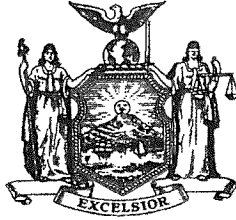
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

hand delivered

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this application upon the South Carolina Supreme Court by ~~mail~~ addressed to: South Carolina Supreme Court Office of Bar Admissions, PO Box 11330, Columbia, SC 29211, accompanied by payment of the \$250 filing fee payable to the South Carolina Supreme Court on this 24th day of March, 20 25

1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Amy Y Abernombie
Paralegal - Burnett Shutt & McDaniel, PA



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*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
Third Judicial Department*

I, Robert D. Mayberger, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, do hereby certify that

Athanasia Charmani

was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on August 20, 2013, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court Administration, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of Albany on March 19, 2025.



Robert D Mayberger

Clerk of the Court

CertID-00221230



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Third Judicial Department
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Anthony A. Moore
Director of Attorney
Admissions

To Whom It May Concern:

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on [the website of the Unified Court System](#).

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the [Attorney Grievance Committee of the Third Judicial Department](#).

Bar examination history is available from the [New York State Board of Law Examiners](#).

Instructions, forms and links are available on [this Court's website](#).

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court