



SC DEPARTMENT of  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
SERVICES**

**Bennett W. Smith**  
**Office of General Counsel**  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

March 28, 2025

**Via Email:** [ctappfilings@sccourts.org](mailto:ctappfilings@sccourts.org)

Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
Post Office Box 11629  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

**RECEIVED**

**Mar 28 2025**

**SC Court of Appeals**

Re: Walter Buchanan vs. South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and  
Silfab Solar, Appellate Case No.: 2025-000288.

Dear Madam Clerk:

Please find enclosed the Department's **Motion for Substitution of Counsel** and  
accompanying **Certificate of Service** for filing in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please contact our office should you have  
questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bennett W. Smith

Bennett W. Smith  
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: J. Cameron Halford, Esquire ([cam@halfordlaw.net](mailto:cam@halfordlaw.net))  
Ethan. R. Ware, Esquire ([eware@williamsmullen.com](mailto:eware@williamsmullen.com))  
Ryan W. Trail, Esquire ([rtrail@williamsmullen.com](mailto:rtrail@williamsmullen.com))  
Richard H. Willis, Esquire ([rwillis@williamsmullen.com](mailto:rwillis@williamsmullen.com))  
John G. Tamasitis, Esquire ([jtamasitis@williamsmullen.com](mailto:jtamasitis@williamsmullen.com))  
Dawn K. Miller, Esquire ([dawn.miller@des.sc.gov](mailto:dawn.miller@des.sc.gov))  
Sara V. Martinez, Esquire ([smartinez@burr.com](mailto:smartinez@burr.com))

RECEIVED

Mar 28 2025

SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

Ralph King Anderson, III, Chief Administrative Law Judge

ALC Docket No.: 24-ALJ-07-0367-CC  
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000288

Walter Buchanon

Appellant,

v.

South Carolina Department of Environmental Services and  
Silfab Solar, Inc.,

Respondents.

Certificate of Service

I, Bennett W. Smith, attorney for the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services, hereby certify that I have on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, served the Department's March 28, 2025, *Motion for Substitution of Counsel* upon all parties via e-mail sent by the undersigned to the primary AIS e-mail address for counsel of record, as follows:

<p>J. Cameron Halford, Esq. Halford Law Firm, LLC P.O. Box 172 Barnwood, SC 29812 cam@halfordlaw.net</p> <p>Counsel for Appellant</p>	<p>Ethan R. Ware, Esq. Ryan W. Trail, Esq. Richard H. Willis, Esq. John G. Tamasitis, Esq. Williams Mullen Law Firm 1230 Main Street, Suite 330 Columbia, South Carolina 29201 eware@williamsmullen.com rtrail@williamsmullen.com rwillis@williamsmullen.com jtamasitis@williamsmullen.com</p> <p>Counsel for Respondent Silfab Solar</p>
---	---

s/ Bennett W. Smith  
Bennett W. Smith  
Assistant General Counsel  
South Carolina Department of  
Environmental Services  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Tel: (803) 898-7286  
bennett.smith@des.sc.gov

March 28, 2025  
Columbia, South Carolina

**From:** [Bennett W. Smith](#)  
**To:** ["Ware, Ethan"; "cam@halfordlaw.net"](#)  
**Cc:** ["Martinez, Sara"; Dawn K. Miller; "joanni@halfordlaw.net"; "Trail, Ryan"; Willis, Richard; "jtamasitis@williamsmullen.com"; Makayla Gladden; Tyler, Sara; "kmartin-rothrock@williamsmullen.com"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Buchanon vs. SCDES & Silfab - Motion for Substitution of Counsel - Appellate Case No.: 000288  
**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2025 11:39:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)  
[image003.png](#)  
[image004.png](#)  
[image005.png](#)  
[SCDES - Motion for Substitution - 3.28.25.pdf](#)  
[SCDES - Certificate of Service Mtn for Sub - 3.28.25.pdf](#)

---

All:

Please find attached the Department's **Motion for Substitution of Counsel**, a draft of which was sent for your review and consent yesterday.

Also attached is a Certificate of Service reflecting service of the motion via email.

I will file the same shortly with the Court of Appeals.

Thank you,

**Bennett W. Smith**  
**Assistant General Counsel**

Direct: 803.898.3570

[Bennett.Smith@des.sc.gov](mailto:Bennett.Smith@des.sc.gov)

---

**From:** Bennett W. Smith  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2025 4:18 PM  
**To:** Ware, Ethan <eware@williamsmullen.com>; cam@halfordlaw.net  
**Cc:** Martinez, Sara <smartinez@burr.com>; Dawn K. Miller <Dawn.Miller@des.sc.gov>; joanni@halfordlaw.net; Trail, Ryan <rtrail@williamsmullen.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Buchanon vs. SCDES & Silfab - Motion for Substitution of Counsel - Appellate Case No.:

Thanks, Ethan.

I received Cameron's consent by separate email.

I'll file tomorrow.

Bennett

**Bennett W. Smith**  
**Assistant General Counsel**