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**SC Court of Appeals**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

**Case No.: 2024-001241**

**Jason M. Boyle, Ph.D., Appellant**

**v.**

**Danny Singleton, Probate Judge, Respondent**

**MOTION TO DISQUALIFY COUNSEL AND CLARIFY PARTIES**

COMES NOW, the Appellant, Jason M. Boyle, Ph.D., proceeding pro se, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court of Appeals to disqualify Attorney Jim Logan from representing Judge Danny Singleton in this criminal contempt appeal, to clarify that the State of South Carolina is the proper respondent in these proceedings, and to impose sanctions against Attorney Jim Logan for engaging in improper conduct. Additionally, Appellant requests that the Court waive any filing fees pursuant to Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, which exempts criminal appeals from filing fees. In support of this motion, the Appellant states as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION

1. This matter involves an appeal from a finding of criminal contempt issued by Judge Danny Singleton of the Oconee County Probate Court. The appeal was initiated by the Appellant following the issuance of a contempt ruling that is criminal in nature.
2. Judge McIntosh acknowledged on September 12, 2024, in open court, that this is a criminal trial, thereby establishing that the appeal involves a criminal contempt proceeding.
3. Under South Carolina law, a criminal contempt proceeding is an offense against the State and not against the individual judge who issued the contempt order.

#### LEGAL BASIS

4. In *In the Matter of Lauren Martel*, Opinion No. 28242 (S.C. Supreme Court, filed November 13, 2024), the Supreme Court of South Carolina held:

“The State is the adverse party and, therefore, is the respondent, because criminal contempt is an offense against the State.”

5. By established precedent, criminal contempt proceedings are treated as criminal matters, wherein the State acts as the respondent, not the judge who issued the contempt ruling.

6. The continued participation of Judge Danny Singleton through his privately retained counsel, Jim Logan, is improper and violates procedural standards for criminal appeals.
7. Allowing Judge Singleton to participate as a party, through private counsel, compromises the impartiality required of appellate proceedings and raises serious due process concerns.

#### PRIOR NOTICE AND PATTERN OF MISCONDUCT

8. Attorney Jim Logan has previously been put on notice for engaging in the same improper conduct in the matter of *Nathan Chambers v. State of South Carolina*, Appellate Case No. 2025-000276. In that case, the South Carolina Court of Appeals issued an order dated February 25, 2025, finding that the appeal should have been brought against the State, not against the judge who issued the contempt finding.

9. Notably, the Court also ruled in *Nathan Chambers v. State of South Carolina* that pursuant to Rule 203 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, no filing fees would be assessed due to the matter being criminal in nature. This established precedent confirms that criminal appeals, including the present appeal, are exempt from filing fees.

10. Despite this clear ruling, Attorney Jim Logan continues to engage in improper conduct by representing Judge Danny Singleton as though he were a party to a criminal contempt appeal. Such conduct violates established law and demonstrates a willful disregard for this Court's precedent.

11. Logan's conduct is also in direct contravention of the Rules of Professional Conduct under Rule 407 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Specifically, Logan's continued participation in this appeal as counsel for Judge Singleton, despite a prior ruling on this exact issue, violates his duty to adhere to the ethical and professional standards required of attorneys practicing in South Carolina.

#### REQUEST FOR RELIEF, WAIVER OF FEES, AND RELIANCE ON PRECEDENT

12. Based on the foregoing, the Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

- a. Disqualify Attorney Jim Logan from representing Judge Danny Singleton in this appeal, as such representation is improper in a criminal contempt proceeding.
- b. Clarify that the State of South Carolina, represented by the Attorney General's office or Solicitor's office, is the proper respondent in this criminal contempt appeal.
- c. Impose appropriate sanctions against Attorney Jim Logan for engaging in improper conduct, particularly after having been put on notice by this Court in the case of *Nathan Chambers v. State of South Carolina*.
- d. Waive all filing fees associated with this motion pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1)(B)(iii) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, and in accordance with the precedent established by *Nathan Chambers v. State of South Carolina*.
- e. Provide any further relief deemed just and proper by this Court.

Respectfully Submitted, this March 30, 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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V.

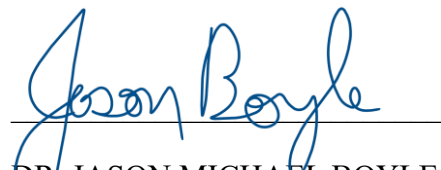
DANNY SINGLETON, "et al" -----Respondents

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I hereby certify that on this March 30, 2025, a copy of the MOTION TO DISQUALIFY COUNSEL AND CLARIFY PARTIES was delivered to the following parties:

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