

4/12/25

The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Re: Appellate Case No. 2024-001861 Christopher M. Kennan, Appellant vs. SCOC, Respondent

Dear Clerk and Your Honors,

Enclosed to file is:

- Updated Mailing Address for Plaintiff is:

Christopher M. Kennan #385016
Tyger River CTE
100-200 Prison Rd
Enoree, SC 29335

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SC Court of Appeals

- Exhibit A - a copy of this court's order for Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas to "perform her ministerial duty of filing this action, 1 page - I moved to RECALL on Friday 3/28/25."
- Exhibit B - (2 pages) - Notice of appeal sent to lower court which clerk wrote "Denied... Jan 16, 2024"
- Exhibit C (1 page) - Clerk of lower court wrote "I was assigned Court docket 2024-CP-14-00548"
- Exhibit D - (new clerk) of Clarendon County Clerk of Court office reiterates my appeal denial from 1/14/2024.

I am asking this court to determine if the lower court has responded to this court's order to assign me an open case/docket #.

It seems my case is not showing on the court's docket (per SCOC Lead General Counsel - Attorney C. Cliff Rollins).

Could you please reply and let me know the status of my case.

Thank you,

Christopher M. Kennan #385016

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Enoree, SC 29335

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The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Christopher M. Kennan, Appellant,

v.

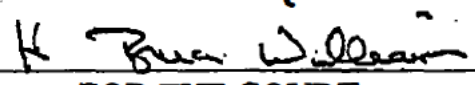
South Carolina Department of Corrections, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2024-001861

ORDER

This appeal arises out of the appellant's attempt to file a motion to proceed without payment of costs and fees in the court of common pleas in Clarendon County. It appears the Clerk of Court refused to file the documents, as it does not appear a CP case number has been assigned. The motion to proceed without payment of costs and fees bears the signature of a circuit judge, R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., and a date of September 12, 2024. There is no indication on the documents filed in this Court that any of these documents were file-stamped received by the Clarendon County Clerk of Court.

We remand this matter to the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County to perform her ministerial duty of filing this action as contemplated by S.C. Code Ann. §24-27-100 (2025). The appeal will be held in abeyance pending the issuance of a CP case number and acceptance of the appellant's filings by the circuit court.



FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina

FILED
Nov 06 2024

cc:
Christopher M. Kennan, 00385016
Christina Catoe Bigelow, Esquire
The Honorable Beulah G. Roberts
" R. Ferrell Cothran Jr.

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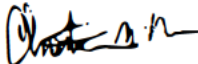
The Honorable Beulah Roberts (Clerk)
S.C. Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas
P.O. Box 136
Manning, SC 29102

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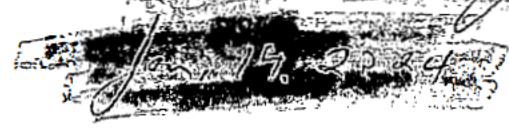
RE: Kennan v. SCDL, et al.
civil action #: (not filed)

Dear Ms. Roberts,

I am enclosing a notice of appeal in this matter for you to file.

With best wishes, I remain
very truly yours,

Christopher M. Kennan #385616
Evans CLI
610 Hwy 9W
Bennettsville, SC 29512

P.S. Sorry for the red pen - my only other pen stopped working.


Daniel L. Small

Jan 14, 2024

In the South Carolina Court of Appeals
Appeal of Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas
Judge R. Ferrell (last name difficult to read) "Col..."
Re: denial of in forma pauperis application

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Kennan,
Plaintiff,
v.
SCDC, et al
Defendants.

Case #: (unfiled)

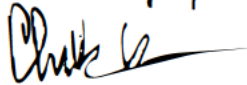
Notice of Appeal

Plaintiff, Christopher Kennan, (hereinafter "I," "me" or "my") send this notice of appeal of the Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas denial of my in forma pauperis application and refusal to file my case without prepayment of filing fees.

On 9/19/24 I received a denial of my in forma pauperis signed by the Honorable R. Ferrell "Col..." (last name hard to read) of Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas dated 9/19/24. My complaint was not filed.

I am now in the process of appealing this decision to the S.C. Court of Appeals and will send a copy of this appeal when it is ready as required under S.C. R. Civ. P.

Thank you,



Christopher M. Kennan #385016

Evans CT
610 Hwy 9W
Bennettsville, SC 29512

Cert of Service: sent

to: SCDC office of General Counsel
4444 Broad River Rd
Columbia, SC 29210

Executed on this 28th day of September 2024

Evans CT
610 Hwy 9W
Bennettsville, SC 29512

The Honorable Beulah G. Roberts

P.O. Box 136

Manning, SC 29102-0136

Re: Appeals Court order to file my complaint

Dear Ms. Roberts,

Recently the South Carolina Court of Appeals sent notice to the Clarendon County Court of Common Pleas with an order that you perform your "ministerial duties" and file the case/complaint I had sent to you previously. The S.C. Court of Appeals is holding my appeal in abeyance until this is done.

Could you please send me notice of when this is done along with the case number so I can send a certified copy of my complaint to the South Carolina AB, as required under SCTCA?

I assume that you can access my complaint from the Appeals Court's electronic filing system, but if you need me to resend it to you I will do so. (I would not advertise this fact to the higher court if you need me to resend it). I have temporarily misplaced my Appeals - case number but below is my information

Thank you so much

Sincerely,
^{Clerk of Court}
Christopher M. Kennan #385016

EVANS CRT

610 HWY 9W

Bennettsville, SC 29572

Send to AB
Complaint

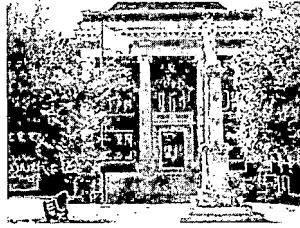
Note:

For future reference, your case number on the civil court docket is 2024-CR14-00548.

Clerk of Court Office
Clarendon County

Clarendon County Clerk of Court Office

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March 19, 2025

Christopher M. Keenan #385016
Evans Correctional Institute
610 Hwy 9 W
Bennettsville, SC 29512

Dear Mr. Kennan,


Thank you for reaching out to the Clarendon County Clerk of Court's office with your concerns.

Upon reviewing the matter, it appears that the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr. denied your appeal (file number 2024-CP-14-00548) on January 14, 2024.

For your reference, I am enclosing a copy of the document that was scanned into our system.

Should you have any further questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your attorney.

Sincerely,


Ms. Shanita Brangman
Clarendon County Clerk of Court

[Spelling of last name should read "Kennan"]

Christopher M. Kennan #385016
Ex: Tyger River Ct
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Enoree, SC 29335

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