

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

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APPEAL FROM YORK COUNTY  
Common Pleas

The Honorable Debra McCaslin, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2024- 001212

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THE STATE,.....Appellant,

v.

JOSHUA KENNETH BROOKINS,.....Respondent.

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**MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL**

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Pursuant to Rule(s) 240 and 264(b), SCACR, Respondent moves for an order allowing Jennifer M. Cloud to withdraw as counsel of record for Respondent in this matter. The basis for this motion is that counsel received a letter from Respondent on April 16, 2025, informing counsel that Respondent will be retaining new counsel and requesting that counsel withdraw and inform the Court accordingly.

Respondent did not provide a timeframe for when he seeks to retain new counsel and undersigned counsel believes that Respondent is currently indigent, as undersigned counsel represented Respondent pro-bono in this appeal. Respondent will not be prejudiced by this withdrawal because Respondent requested the withdrawal; Respondent intends to retain new counsel; and, in the alternative, should Respondent be unable to retain his desired counsel,

Respondent is indigent and can be represented by the Office of Appellate Defense. Respondent therefore requests that Jennifer M. Cloud be relieved as counsel and removed from the Appellate Court Roster in this matter.

Notice was given to the appropriate parties as set forth in the Certificate of Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned hereby certifies that on August 22, 2025, she served a copy of Respondent’s Motion for Withdrawal by mail upon the person(s) below by depositing the same in the custody of United States Postal Service, with proper postage affixed, and addressed as follows:

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