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# The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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May 28, 2025

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard  
Clerk of Court, Supreme Court of South Carolina  
1231 Gervais Street  
Columbia, S.C. 29201

RE: The State v. Stephen C. Stanko

Case No.: 2010-154746

Dear Ms. Howard:

I certify that the Office of Bar Admissions has received a verified application requesting Joseph C. Welling be admitted *pro hac vice* in the above matter. The \$250 filing fee for the applicant has been paid.

Sincerely,

M.J. Thames  
Bar Admissions Coordinator

cc: Joseph C. Welling  
E. Charles Grose

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VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE  
IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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.

State	Appellate Case No.	South Carolina Supreme Court
_____	2010-154746	_____
Plaintiff	Case No.	Tribunal
vs.	Mailing Address of Tribunal:	P.O. Box 11330
Stephen C. Stanko	_____	Columbia, South Carolina 29211
Defendant	_____	_____
Joseph C. Welling	_____	_____

Comes now \_\_\_\_\_, applicant herein, and respectfully represents the following:

1. Applicant resides at:  
4148 Wyoming St.

Street Address	St. Louis City	MO	63116
St. Louis	_____	_____	_____
City	County	State	Zip Code
314-629-2492	_____	_____	_____
Telephone	_____	_____	_____

2. Applicant is an attorney and a member of the law firm of (or practices law under the name of) Phillips Black, Inc., with offices at 100 N. Tucker Blvd., Ste. 750

Street Address	St. Louis City	MO	63101
St. Louis	_____	_____	_____
City	County	State	Zip Code
314-629-2492	314-629-2492	314-582-1266	j.welling@phillipsblack.org
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 \_\_\_\_\_ appointment pursuant to 18. U.S.C. 3599 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 September of 2016 & November of 2024, respectively, 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 States of Missouri and Arizona 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:
Western District, Missouri	November, 2016
Eastern District, Missouri	September, 2016
Southern District, Indiana	August, 2022
4th Circuit	July, 2022
5th Circuit	January, 2024
8th Circuit	December, 2017
Supreme Court of the United States	April, 2024
Missouri	September, 2016
Arizona	November, 2024

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 E. Charles Grose of the Grose Law Firm, LLC,

which has offices at:

305 Main Street

Greenwood Greenwood County SC 29646

(864) 538-4466 (864) 992-3433 charles@groselawfirm.com

66063

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

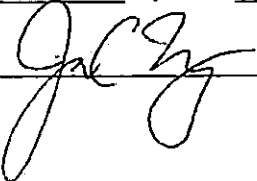
11. Does Applicant agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws and rules of the State of South Carolina and familiarize him/herself with and comply with the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct? Does Applicant consent to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina courts and Commission on Lawyer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

Yes

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

DATED this 7th day of May, 2025

Joseph C. Welling  
\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT



**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF Arizona )

COUNTY OF Maricopa )

I, Joseph C. Welling, 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.

Joseph C. Welling  
APPLICANT/AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 25

Rebecca M. Mckaskle  
(Notary Signature)



Notary Public for the State of Arizona  
My Commission Expires: 09/17/2026

**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 17<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 20 2025

[Signature]  
LOCAL COUNSEL OF RECORD

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

19 day of MAY, 20 25

[Signature]

*The Supreme Court of Missouri*



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*Certificate of Admission as an  
Attorney at Law*

I, Betsy Ledgerwood, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records of this office show that on 9/14/2016,

*Joseph Charles Welling*

was duly admitted and licensed to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the Supreme Court of Missouri and all courts of record in this state, and is, on the date indicated below, a member in good standing of this Bar.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Supreme Court of Missouri at my office in Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Clerk of the Supreme Court of Missouri

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CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING  
ISSUED BY THE DISCIPLINARY CLERK  
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

The Disciplinary Clerk, pursuant to Rule 74, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, hereby certifies that according to the records of the State Bar, **JOSEPH CHARLES WELLING**, was duly admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor at law in all courts of Arizona by the Supreme Court of Arizona on November 6, 2024 and is now, as of the date of this Certificate, an active member of the State Bar of Arizona in good standing.



Given under the seal of the Disciplinary  
Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arizona  
this 02-20-2025

*Aaron Nash*

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Aaron Nash  
Associate Disciplinary Clerk

**The Grose Law Firm, LLC**  
305 Main Street, Greenwood, South Carolina 29646

E. Charles Grose, Jr.  
Phone: 864-538-4466 Fax: 864-538-4405  
E-mail: charles@groselawfirm.com  
Web: GroseLawFirm.com

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Re: Verified Application for Admission *PRO HAC VICE* in the State of South Carolina

Dear Clerk,

Enclosed please find the application for Admission *PRO HAC VICE* for Joseph C. Welling, Esquire.

Should you have any questions feel free to contact my office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

With kindest regards, I am

Yours very truly,

*E. Charles Grose*

E. Charles Grose, Jr.  
S.C. Bar# 66063

*By: Laura Wingard  
paralegal*

ECG/lw  
cc: Melody Brown, Esquire  
Enclosure(s)