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Via Email (ctappfilings@sccourts.org)

The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
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Re: *Stacey Grist, et al. v. Priscilla Mickie Grist, et. al.*
Case No.: 2025-000366

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This communication is for purposes of requesting an extension of 7 days to file the Initial Brief of Appellant and Appellant's Designation of Matter as I have been engaged in ongoing trial proceedings throughout this week. Given the extenuating circumstances of my commitment to the trial, I have been unable to complete the necessary work within the current deadline. As primary drafter of the initial brief, it is imperative that I be granted one final opportunity to meet and confer with the client to discuss the best arguments as to not prejudice them due to my trial obligations. We are informed and believe the same are due to be served and filed on Friday, May 30, 2025. If our request for a 7-day extension of time from that date is granted, the amended deadline would be Friday, June 6, 2025. The deadline has previously been extended. Prior to filing this Motion, counsel for Appellant consulted with Respondents' counsel and they consented to this request.

Pursuant to paragraph (c) of the Supreme Court's administrative order dated May 6, 2022 ("Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules") a check for the filing fee is being forwarded separately via US mail. If a more formal motion filing is required, please let us know and one will be submitted immediately.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Desa Ballard / etc

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