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**Jun 16 2025**

**SC Court of Appeals**

**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals**

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APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Dale Van Slambrook, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2024-001734

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Olga Teslenko,  
Appellant,  
v.  
Joe Kocsis, Carpet King & Flooring,  
Respondents

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MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE FILING AND CORRECT DEFICIENCIES

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Appellant respectfully moves this Court to accept her Initial Brief and Designation of Matter, which were filed by email on June 14, 2025, seventeen minutes past the filing deadline, and to accept the corrected Proof of Service and properly formatted Designation of Matter attached hereto. Appellant further states as follows:

1. Minor Delay in Filing.

Appellant transmitted her Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to the Court of Appeals via email at 12:17 AM on June 14, 2025 — seventeen minutes after the June 13 deadline. The

documents were subsequently docketed and stamped June 16. Appellant corrected the formatting deficiency in the Designation of Matter, and served the Initial Brief and corrected Designation on Respondent on June 15, 2025. The \$50 filing fee for this motion is being sent via FedEx overnight and will arrive at the Court shortly.

## 2. Extraordinary Circumstances.

The delay was not due to neglect or disregard for procedure. Appellant has been proceeding pro se under extraordinary conditions. She is disabled, with documented neurological disability, and has additionally suffered neurological impairment resulting from untreated meningitis and prolonged environmental exposure to black mold.

In the hours leading up to the deadline, Appellant suffered a stress-induced cardiovascular event, experiencing acute chest pain and impairment of movement in her left arm. Despite these symptoms, she remained committed to finalizing and submitting her brief that night. The result was a delay of only seventeen minutes, and two documents (the proof of service and designation) that required formatting correction.

## 3. Relief Requested.

Appellant respectfully submits that the minimal delay, combined with the unique health and environmental conditions, warrants the Court's equitable discretion to accept the filing and allow her appeal to proceed on the merits. Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

- Accept the Initial Brief and Designation of Matter as timely filed based on the minimal delay and good cause shown;
- Accept and substitute the corrected Proof of Service and properly formatted Designation of Matter;
- Allow this appeal to proceed on the merits in the interest of justice.

4. Conclusion.

Appellant has acted in good faith at all times while under extraordinary hardship. She respectfully asks this Court to exercise its discretion and permit her filings to stand. Denial of this motion would impose disproportionate prejudice and effectively deny Appellant meaningful access to appellate review.

Dated: June 16, 2025

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