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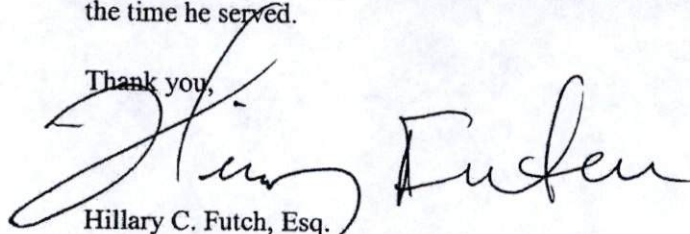
Re: The State v. Odis R. Rhoden
Appellate Case No. 2025-001036

Dear Madame Clerk:

The appeal for Mr. Rhoden's guilty plea in the above-referenced case is based on Mr. Rhoden's assertion that I withheld information from him that would have changed his decision to actually take the guilty plea.

That information was in relation to the time that Mr. Rhoden would be required to serve if he were sentenced to active time in SCDC. Mr. Rhoden was sentenced to Four (4) years of active time, and given credit for the time he served.

Thank you,



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Odis Rhoden #199257
Kirkland Reception and Evaluation Center
4344 Broad River Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: The State v. Odis R. Rhoden
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Dear Mr. Rhoden:

My office has filed your appeal at your request. I am attaching a letter that, based on our previous discussions and those discussions with my office, I have provided to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

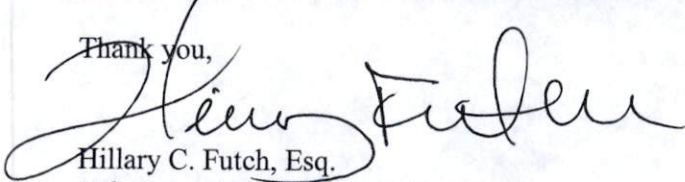
The Court of Appeals is now requesting additional information about the grounds of the appeal. Please compose a letter addressed to the **South Carolina Court of Appeals in writing of the arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal**. You may want to identify the issue(s) you believe need to be reviewed on appeal and the factual basis for that issue(s).

Please address the letter to the Court at:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

You have twenty (20) days from the date of this letter to send this to the Court.

Thank you,


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Ms. Hillary C Futch, Esquire
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Re: The State v. Odis R. Rhoden
Appellate Case No. 2025-001036

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your explanation for appealing.

Please forward your explanation to your client, along with a statement that your client has twenty (20) days from the date of your transmittal letter to inform this Court in writing of any arguable basis that there are issues preserved for appeal. Please provide your client with the Court's address:

South Carolina Court of Appeals
P.O. Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Please send your letter to your client within ten (10) days, with a copy to this Court, or this appeal will be dismissed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay A. Kitchings".

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