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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM HORRY COUNTY
WILLIAM H. SEALS, JR., CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Appellate Case No. 2025-000796

Gabriel Barnhill and GSB Enterprises, LLC, Respondents,

v.

J. Floyd Swilley, J. Floyd Swilley Investment Advisors,
Laurel K. Swilley, SMG Partners, LLC, SMS Services, LP,
WCP Limited, LLC, 809 Holdings, LP, QC Financing, LLC
Heath Causey and Sage Financial Group, LLC, Defendants,

of which J. Floyd Swilley, Laurel Swilley and
Heath Causey are the Appellants.

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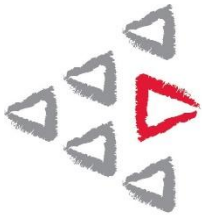
I, Beth Cogan, an employee with Ballard & Watson, do hereby certify that on July 28, 2025, I served a copy of the **Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter**, in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by electronic mail using their email address listed in the Attorney Information System, addressed as follows:

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Via Email (ctappfilings@sccourts.org)
The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
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Re: *Gabriel Barnhill, et al. v. J. Floyd Swilley, et al.*
Appellate Case No.: 2025-000796

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Initial Brief of Appellant, Designation of Matter and Proof of Service for the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, this filing has been served upon counsel for the Respondent. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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