

- **Expedited briefing schedule** if additional briefing required
- **Immediate service** of filed documents on all parties
- **Coordinated review** of church entity's limited appearance

SERVICE AND NOTICE INFORMATION

A. Parties to be Served

All documents filed herewith have been or will be contemporaneously served upon:

1. Counsel for Respondents:

Rustin B. Duncan, Esq.

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B. Service Method

Service accomplished by:

- **Electronic filing and service** via South Carolina Electronic Filing System (where applicable)
- **First-class mail, postage prepaid** to all counsel
- **Hand delivery** where appropriate for emergency matters
- **Email transmission** for immediate notice of emergency filings

FILING FEE AND PAYMENT

A. Payment Information

Filing Fee: \$350.00 for Notice of Appeal and related filings

Payment Method: Check

Check Number: 6578

Payable to: South Carolina Court of Appeals

B. Fee Waiver Request (if applicable)

[Include if seeking fee waiver for constitutional issues or other grounds]

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EMERGENCY MATTERS

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SPECIAL REQUESTS

A. Case Management

- 1. **Coordinate with pending circuit court appeals** in related consolidated cases
- 2. **Schedule emergency motions** for prompt consideration
- 3. **Provide notice** of any scheduling for emergency relief
- 4. **Facilitate communication** between Court and counsel for urgent matters

B. Administrative Assistance

- 1. **Confirm receipt** of all filed documents
- 2. **Assign case number** and provide to all parties
- 3. **Schedule emergency calendar** if appropriate
- 4. **Coordinate service** of Court orders and notices

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that:

- 1. **All required documents** are included with this filing
- 2. **Proper service** has been or will be made on all parties
- 3. **Filing fees** have been paid or arrangements made
- 4. **Emergency nature** of proceedings justifies expedited processing
- 5. **Constitutional issues** require immediate Court attention

CONCLUSION

The constitutional violations presented in this case—particularly the unprecedented binding of a religious organization without due process—require immediate appellate intervention. The enclosed documents seek emergency relief to prevent ongoing First Amendment and due process violations while ensuring proper appellate review of these critical constitutional questions.

I respectfully request the Court's immediate attention to these emergency filings and appreciate the Clerk's assistance in expediting processing of these constitutional matters.

Thank you for your prompt attention and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Fletcher N. Smith, Jr.
FLETCHER N. SMITH, JR., ESQ.
Attorney for Appellants
South Carolina Bar No. [Number]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of this letter and all enclosed documents have been served upon the following by the methods indicated:

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This 14th day of August, 2025.

**s/ Fletcher N. Smith, Jr.
FLETCHER N. SMITH, JR., ESQ.**

ENCLOSURES

- Notice of Appeal
- Petition for Writ of Supersedeas
- Motion for Stay Pending Appeal
- Memorandum in Support of Supersedeas Petition
- Notice of Limited Appearance (Church Entity)
- Motion to Stay (Church Entity)
- Affidavit of Church Officer
- Memorandum in Support of Limited Appearance
- Orders of Judge Fant: Principal Trial Order and Order Denying SCRCF 59 Motion to Alter or Amend Judgment
- Certificates of Service for all documents
- Filing fee payment

I respectfully request **Court Administration's immediate attention** to this constitutional emergency and **expedited processing** to facilitate prompt judicial protection of fundamental rights.

Thank you for **your urgent assistance** in this matter of constitutional significance.

Respectfully submitted,
s/ Fletcher N. Smith, Jr.
FLETCHER N. SMITH, JR., ESQ.
Attorney for Appellants and Non-Party Petitioner
South Carolina Bar No. 5165

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Expedited Transcript Request has been served upon opposing counsel and relevant parties:

Counsel for Respondents:

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