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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM AIKEN COUNTY  
Eugene C. Griffith, Circuit Court Judge

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Appellate Case No. 2024-000592  
Case No. 2020-CP-02-2238

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Cassiopia Rhoads ..... Respondent-Appellant,

v.

Aiken County Sheriff's Office ..... Appellant-Respondent.

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**RESPONDENT-APPELLANT'S RETURN TO APPELLANT-RESPONDENT'S  
MOTION TO RE-DESIGNATE PARTIES AND AMEND CAPTION AND  
TO DIRECT RHOADS TO SERVE AND FILE RECORD ON APPEAL**

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**EXHIBIT 1**

**(Corrected/Supplemented to Correctly Include the  
Complete Email Exchange from August 1, 2025)**

## Brink Hinson

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**From:** Patrick Mclaughlin <patrick@wukelalaw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 1, 2025 11:33 AM  
**To:** Andrew Lindemann; Brink Hinson; Jennifer (Baker) Chapman  
**Subject:** RE: Cassiopia Rhoads v. ACSO (2024-000592) - Record on Appeal

Andrew:

Rule 206 SCACR makes clear ACSO is responsible for the record, so no Rhoads does not agree.

I remind you that Rhoads actually moved for a partial stay of ACSO's appeal, ACSO opposed that motion, and the Court ruled in ACSO's favor.

Per the rule and the Court's order, ACSO is the Appellant-Respondent and is responsible for the Record on Appeal.

Patrick

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**From:** Andrew Lindemann <Andrew@ldlawsc.com>  
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Brink:

Thanks for reminding me on this. The first appeal was rendered moot by Judge Griffith's JNOV ruling. In actuality and in fairness, the principal appeal is that of Rhoads and then the Sheriff filed a conditional cross-appeal, so in reality Rhoads is the initial appellant. If we can't agree on that, I will get a motion filed.

Let me know your position. Thanks.

Andrew

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**From:** Brink Hinson <[brink@hhplawgroup.com](mailto:brink@hhplawgroup.com)>  
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**Cc:** Patrick McLaughlin <[patrick@wukelalaw.com](mailto:patrick@wukelalaw.com)>  
**Subject:** Cassiopia Rhoads v. ACSO (2024-000592) - Record on Appeal

Andrew –

My office called and confirmed with the Court of Appeals earlier this morning, having appealed first and being designated as the Appellant-Respondent, the Aiken County Sheriff's Office is responsible for preparing the record on appeal in Rhoads. If you need a copy of, need direction on, or have any questions regarding any of the things Patrick and I designated for the ROA, of course, don't hesitate to reach out and let us know.

Sincerely,  
Brink

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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

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The undersigned, counsel for Respondent-Appellant Rhoads, does hereby certify that on the date indicated below the **RESPONDENT-APPELLANT'S RETURN TO APPELLANT-RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO RE-DESIGNATE PARTIES AND AMEND CAPTION AND TO DIRECT RHOADS TO SERVE AND FILE RECORD ON APPEAL – CORRECTED/SUPPLEMENTED EXHIBIT 1** were served on counsel for Appellant-Respondent Aiken County Sheriff's Office via email and via United States Mail, first-class postage pre-paid, to the following:

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Respectfully submitted,



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September 9, 2025

**Via Email Only**

The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk of Court  
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Re: Cassiopia Rhoads v. Aiken County Sheriff's Office  
Appellate Case No. 2024-000592  
Civil Action No.: 2020-CP-02-02238  
Corrected/Supplemented - Exhibit 1 to Respondent-Appellant Rhoads's Return

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

On August 25, 2025, Appellant-Respondent Aiken County Sheriff's Office ("ACSO") filed a *Motion to Re-Designate Parties and Amend Caption and to Direct Rhoads to Serve and File Record on Appeal*, to which Respondent-Appellant Rhoads filed a return on September 3, 2025. Late last night, ACSO filed a *Reply Memorandum*, which included an incomplete part of an email exchange between the parties from August 1, 2025, thereby bringing to my attention that Exhibit 1 to Respondent-Appellant Rhoads's return has also been incomplete, as it had not included the entirety of the email exchange from August 1<sup>st</sup>.

To correct this oversight, for the sake of completeness, and to ensure that the entire email is properly provided to the Court of Appeals, enclosed herewith, please find a corrected/supplemented version of Exhibit 1 that correctly includes the complete email exchange from August 1, 2025. As mentioned, this corrected/supplemented Exhibit 1 goes with Respondent-Appellant's Rhoad's return, which was filed on September 3, 2025.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on my mobile phone at 843.810.8500.

Sincerely yours,

Francis M. "Brink" Hinson, IV

Enclosure (*as noted above*)

cc: Andrew F. Lindemann, Esq. (andrew@ldlawsc.com)  
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