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The Honorable Jenny Kitchings

Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Re: In the Matter of Jason M. Boyle — Appellate Case No. 2024-001241

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This case arises from my incarceration without a case number, where the presiding judge acted as moving party, victim, and witness. I was held in direct contempt for an incident that occurred outside of open court and outside the presence of any judge, and sentenced for violating an order I was not aware of because the judge objected to my exercise of First Amendment rights. I was sentenced twice for the same crime with no case number because the judge could not come up with a way of finding jurisdiction. As a result, I lost my job and was forced to proceed pro se after my public defender was evicted from the courtroom when Judge Singleton insisted the matter was “civil” and therefore no public defender could participate.

Since then, I have done my best to defend my freedom and rights while raising two small children and working to support my family, even as the Attorney General’s Office relentlessly pursues procedural arguments to avoid the merits of my case. I face the full resources of the State while standing alone, and I am striving to do this faithfully and carefully.

In my October 3, 2025 letter, I inadvertently cited the wrong appellate rule. I mistakenly referred to Rule 263, SCACR, when my request was intended to invoke the Court’s authority under Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, and the Supreme Court’s April 24, 2024 order. That order allows a self-represented litigant to request that the appellate court serve them by e-mail, and I sought similar relief here because of the extraordinary hardship I face living abroad.

For me, this is not a matter of convenience but of fundamental rights. It is a civil rights violation to effectively prevent a person from defending themselves because of life circumstances. I have already lost my job as a result of these proceedings, and now I am confronted with court rules that, if applied rigidly, would force me to forfeit my future

simply to preserve my freedom. I could, at additional cost to my family, pay a printing service to print and mail filings on my behalf, which may satisfy the Attorney General's insistence on procedural technicalities. But that would not change the reality that I am being pressed to the breaking point while the State uses its full resources to pursue procedural grounds to avoid the merits of my case.

I regret the miscitation and sincerely apologize to the Court. I will take greater care moving forward, and I remain grateful for the Court's patience as I do my best to navigate these procedures without counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason Boyle". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Appellant, Pro Se