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In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM LEXINGTON COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

William P. Keesley, Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2025-CP-32-00440

Ann Peets, Appellant,

v.

South Carolina State Ethics Commission, Meghan Walker Dayson,
in her official capacity as Executive Director of the South Carolina
State Ethics Commission, Respondents.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to Rule 203, SCACR, Appellant Ann Peets appeals the order of the Honorable William P. Keesley entered May 29, 2025, granting summary judgment for Respondents, denying Appellant’s cross-motion for summary judgment, dismissing Appellant’s FOIA claim and requests for a writ of prohibition and mandatory injunction, and dismissing Appellant’s claims seeking declaratory relief without prejudice for failure to exhaust (attached as Exhibit 1).

Pursuant to Rule 59(e), SCRCPC, Appellant filed a Motion to Alter or Amend on June 9, 2025. On September 10, 2025, The Honorable William P. Keesley entered a Form 4 order denying Appellant’s Motion to Alter or Amend (attached as Exhibit 2). Upon the entry of the order denying the Rule 59(e) motion, Appellant timely appeals from both orders.

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Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Lisa Gibson, a legal assistant with the law firm of Burr & Forman LLP, have caused to be served this day one (1) copy of the **Notice of Appeal** in the above-captioned matter upon counsel for Respondents South Carolina State Ethics Commission and Meghan Walker Dayson, in her official capacity as Executive Director of the South Carolina State Ethics Commission via email at the email address reflected in the Attorney Information System and as set forth below:

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A copy of the email serving counsel as stated above is attached hereto.



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To: 'ltraywick@robinsongray.com'; Sarah Frierson; 'claster@ethics.sc.gov'
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Attachments: Peets Notice of Appeal.pdf; EX 1 2025-10-06 Peets Notice of Appeal (5.29.25 Order)(63048278.1).pdf; EX 2 2025-10-06 Peets Notice of Appeal (9.10.25 Form 4 Order)(63048280.1).pdf; Peets - POS to parties.pdf; Peets - Filing ltr to Court re NOA.pdf

Dear Counsel,

Attached for service in the above-referenced matter is a Notice of Appeal, 2 Exhibits, Proof of Service, and filing letter to Clerk of Court of Appeals. We will be filing these documents shortly with the Court of Appeals and will attach this email to the proof of service of same.

Best regards,
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Re: *Ann Peets v. South Carolina State Ethics Commission*; C/A No. 2025-CP-32-00440

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to Rules 203 and 262(a)(3) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules and Supreme Court Order 2024-04-24-01 part (b)(2), attached for filing is Ann Peets' Notice of Appeal in the above matter. By copy of this letter, I am serving counsel for Respondents via email as permitted by Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR and Order 2024-04-24-01 part (d)(1) and attached is a proof of service to that effect.

A check in the amount of \$250 for the required filing fee will be delivered via courier.

Thank you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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