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

Appellate Case No. 2025-000796

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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, 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, Nate Fata, Counsel for Respondents, do hereby certify that on November 21, 2025, I served a copy of the Final Brief of Respondents 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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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings  
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals  
P.O. Box 11629  
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Re: Gabriel Barnhill et al v. J. Floyd Swilley et al  
Appellate Case No. 2025-00)796

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing please find the Final Brief of Respondents with Proof of Service for the above referenced matter. The bound copy is being delivered by FedEx. By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, this filing has been served upon counsel for the Appellants. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

We appreciate the Court's consideration.

Sincerely,



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