

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE SUPREME COURT

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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

APPEAL FROM COLLETON COUNTY  
Court of General Sessions  
The Honorable Clifton B. Newman, Circuit Judge  
The Honorable Jean Hofer Toal, Chief Justice (Ret.)

Appellate Case No. 2023-000392 (cons)

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, .....RESPONDENT,

v.

RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH, .....APPELLANT.

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**APPELLANT RICHARD ALEXANDER MURDAUGH'S  
MOTION TO SUPPLEMENT RECORD**

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Appellant Richard Alexander Murdaugh hereby moves for leave to supplement the record in this case to include former Colleton County Clerk of Court Rebecca Hill's indictment for perjury (**Exhibit A**), sentencing sheet (**Exhibit B**), and transcript of her guilty plea hearing (**Exhibit C**).

On December 8, 2026, Ms. Hill pleaded guilty to two counts of misconduct in office, an obstruction of justice, and a perjury charge. These charges stemmed from Ms. Hill's conduct in Colleton and Richland Counties and were presented by Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor Rick Hubbard to Judge Health P. Taylor in Calhoun County, South Carolina.

Indictment 2025GS1500289 is the first misconduct in office. It deals with Ms. Hill awarding herself bonuses over a period of September 1, 2021 through March 5 of 2024 (the date

of Mr. Murdaugh’s sentencing) while she held the office of an elected official. The total Ms. Hill awarded herself was \$11,880.

The second misconduct charge, Indictment 2025GS1500290, is due to Ms. Hill using her official position as then-clerk of court to promote her book when she filmed a video promoting her book *Behind the Doors of Justice, the Murdaugh Murders* while seated in her Colleton County office. The sole purpose of this was to promote and sell her book. This video was then published through the Walterboro Chamber of Commerce’s YouTube channel to advertise her book and to make money using her office as an elected official.

For the obstruction of justice charge, Indictment 2025GS1500291, Ms. Hill provided members of the press with after-hours access to trial exhibits, including exhibits sealed by the Court, in violation of the Court’s order. These sealed exhibits were then placed on social media and shared with others.

The basis of the perjury charge, Indictment 2025GS4005080, arose on January 29, 2024 during a one-day evidentiary hearing regarding allegations of improper jury contact during the *Murdaugh* trial. While questioned under oath by Retired Chief Justice Jean Toal during the January 29, 2024 hearing, Justice Toal asked Ms. Hill about *Murdaugh* trial exhibits, specifically sealed exhibits. Justice Toal asked Ms. Hill, “Did you ever allow anyone from the press to view the sealed exhibits?” Ms. Hill’s answer, while under oath, was, “No, ma’am,” which the Solicitor found constituted perjury and was the basis of the charge.

Justice Toal did not have the benefit of knowing at the time of the evidentiary hearing the State’s investigations (by the State Ethics Commission and SLED) of Becky Hill covered a wide variety of actions, nor of Ms. Hill’s criminal conduct for which she ultimately pleaded guilty. Solicitor Hubbard’s review of her criminal misconduct resulted in four separate charges—two

counts of misconduct in office, an obstruction of justice charge, and a perjury charge. He provided the Court with details of each indictment, including obstruction of justice when Ms. Hill provided press after-hours access (7:46 p.m.) to a secure area using her security card to photograph the sealed trial exhibits where they were posted on Twitter for public viewing.

At the evidentiary hearing, Justice Toal found that Becky Hill was “not completely credible as a witness.” **R. pp. 7511:17-18.** However, the State’s investigation has now revealed a wide variety of criminal conduct by Ms. Hill that even further calls into question any credibility Justice Toal may have found during Ms. Hill’s testimony. Ms. Hill lied under oath, and later was indicted for and pleaded guilty to criminal activity, which severely damages any hint of credibility she may have had.

Mr. Murdaugh respectfully submits that Ms. Hill’s credibility after pleading guilty to two counts of misconduct in office, an obstruction of justice, and a perjury charge have significant probative value to the appeal pending before the Court and respectfully requests that his motion be granted to include these documents in the record of this case. If these documents were part of the record in this case, Appellant would cite to them on pages 30, 31, 51, and 57 of Appellant’s Brief, and pages 16 and 30 of Appellant’s Reply Brief, for the proposition that Ms. Hill’s denials of jury tampering cannot be credited over the sworn testimony of the disinterested jurors who witnessed it.

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