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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The South Carolina Court of Appeals
[Columbia Division]**

APPEAL FROM JASPER COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas
Case No. **2025-002464**

Nationstar Mortgage, LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, Respondent,

v.

**Carolyn Brantley; The United States of America acting by and through its agency, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; The United States of America acting by and through its agency, the Internal Revenue Service; South Carolina Department of Revenue; and T.N.S. LTD., LLC, Defendants,
of which Carolyn Brantley is the Appellant.**

****MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ORDER TRANSCRIPT OUT OF TIME
AND NOTICE OF STATUS OF TRANSCRIPT****

COMES NOW the Appellant, Carolyn Brantley, appearing pro se, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order granting permission to order the trial transcript outside the filing deadlines set forth in Rule 207, SCACR, and in support thereof states as follows:

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. On or about December 30, 2025, Appellant received correspondence from the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals advising that the time for ordering the transcript had expired and directing Appellant to either file proof of timely ordering or seek leave of Court to order the transcript out of time.
2. Appellant acknowledges that the transcript was not ordered within the original Rule 207 deadline.
3. The delay was not intentional, nor the result of bad faith, but arose from procedural confusion and limitations associated with Appellant's pro se status, as well as logistical and financial constraints encountered during the appellate initiation process.
4. Appellant remains diligently committed to prosecuting this appeal on the merits and recognizes that the transcript is essential to meaningful appellate review of the issues presented.
5. Appellant has acted promptly upon receipt of the Court's notice and now seeks leave to correct the procedural deficiency in good faith.

ARGUMENT

6. Rule 207, SCACR, permits this Court to grant relief from transcript-ordering deadlines upon a proper showing.

7. South Carolina appellate courts favor resolution of cases on their merits rather than dismissal on procedural grounds, particularly where no substantial prejudice results to the opposing party.

8. Granting this Motion will not prejudice Respondent, as the appeal remains in its early procedural posture, and no briefing schedule has been irreparably disrupted.

9. Denial of this Motion would result in dismissal of the appeal, a harsh outcome disproportionate to the procedural lapse and contrary to the interests of justice.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

- A. Grant permission to order the transcript out of time pursuant to Rule 207, SCACR;
- B. Allow Appellant a specified period (e.g., ten (10) days) from the date of the Court's Order to submit written confirmation that the transcript has been ordered from the court reporter;
- C. Accept this Motion as Appellant's formal notice of transcript status in response to the Clerk's December 30, 2025 correspondence; and
- D. Grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

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NOTICE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Motion has been served upon the following by U.S. Mail (or other authorized method) on this 5th day of January, 2026:

- Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
- South Carolina Office of Court Administration
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- Counsel for Respondent, Nationstar Mortgage, LLC
Respectfully submitted,

Executed this 5th day of January, 2026,
at Ridgeland, South Carolina.



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