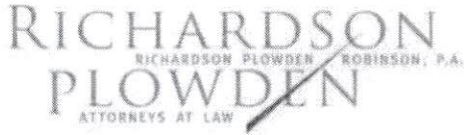


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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing to advise the Court that Carmen V. Ganjehsani is appearing as additional counsel of record for the Respondent Darlington County Sheriff's Office in the above-referenced appeal. I would request that my name be added as counsel for the Respondent along with James E. Haarsgaard, and that I be copied on future documents and correspondence regarding this appeal. I would further request that Appellant also copy me on future documents and correspondence. Please remove Lisa Thomas as counsel of record for the Respondent as she passed away last year.

Also enclosed for filing is the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Appeal in the above-referenced case, along with our Certificate of Service. We are also filing this Motion electronically with the Court of Appeals via e-mail at ctappfilings@sccourts.org pursuant to Section (b)(2) of the Supreme Court's April 24, 2024 Order.

Also enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of \$50.00 for the filing fee in this matter. We have served this Motion to Dismiss on Appellant *pro se*.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

/s Carmen V. Ganjehsani

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