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Re: The State v. Richard A. Murdaugh
Appellate Case Nos. 2024-000576 & 2023-000392

Dear Counsel:

The arguments in this case will be conducted live in the Supreme Court Courtroom in Columbia at 9:30 a.m. on February 11, 2026. The following times have been allocated for the arguments:

Appellant: 30 minutes
Respondent: 30 minutes
Appellant in reply: 10 minutes

I ask that each party provide the names of the lawyer(s) who will be arguing this case. This information should be provided by e-mail to supctfilings@sccourts.org by January 30, 2026.

As an alternative to observing the arguments at the Supreme Court Building, individuals may view the arguments via live stream on the SCETV website, at

<https://www.scetv.org/live/supreme-court-south-carolina>. Following the oral arguments, a recording will be posted to the Supreme Court Video Portal, at <https://www.sccourts.org/courts/supreme-court/video-portal/>.

I look forward to seeing the lawyers who will be present for the arguments. If you have any questions or concerns related to this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Patricia A. Howard

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