

# The South Carolina Court of Appeals

Lawrence L. Crawford, Petitioner,

v.

State of South Carolina, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2025-001856

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## ORDER

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On November 7, 2025, Petitioner filed a motion titled, "Petition for a writ of mandamus, motion for acceptance and motion to motion therefor," seeking a writ of mandamus ordering the lower court to rule on his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to allow him to proceed without costs, including the cost to order the transcript. That same day, Appellant filed a motion titled, "Affidavit of Facts Giving Judicial Notice; Motion to reinstate the appeal; Motion to Stay and or Recall the Remittitur if Necessary; Motion to Challenge the S.C. Court of Appeals Jurisdiction Under the Constitutional Element to Subject Matter Jurisdiction in Their Use of Rule 207 Related to the Ordering of the Trial Transcripts and Motion to Motion Therefor" seeking to (1) reinstate the appeal if it had been dismissed, (2) recall the remittitur if the matter had been remitted, (3) objecting to the potential dismissal of his case if the transcript was not ordered, and (4) to stay the appeal pending a ruling by the lower court on his motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Respondent did not file any returns.

On December 3, the court denied Petitioner's November 7, 2025 motions but held the appeal in abeyance for thirty days to allow Appellate Defense to screen this matter. Appellate Defense mailed an affidavit of indigency to Petitioner on December 9, 2025. On December 15, 2025, Petition sought to relieve Appellate Defense as counsel; however, the court sent a no action letter in response because a review of this court's records reflected that Petitioner was self-represented.

On December 15, 2025 and December 23, 2025, Petitioner filed motions seeking (1) to make this court aware of the conflict of interest with Appellate Defense and (2) a ruling on his motion to relieve Appellate Defense as counsel (3) to vacate this court's December 3, 2025 order (4) a hearing to have his December 23, 2025 motion immediately addressed (5) to renew his previous petition for a writ of mandamus and other motions subject to the December 3, 2025 order. On December 16, 2025, Petitioner filed a document that appears to be only a portion of a motion.

On January 5, 2026, Appellate Defense indicated the affidavit of indigency had not been returned.

After careful consideration, we deny Petitioner's December 15 and December 23, 2025 motions. However, we clarify that our records reflect Petitioner is self-represented and not represented by Appellate Defense. Further, as to the motions previously disposed of in the December 3, 2025 order, we take no action on Petitioner's request to reconsider those rulings. *See* Rule 240(i), SCACR ("The court will not entertain petitions for rehearing on a motion or petition unless the action of the court on the motion or petition has the effect of dismissing or finally deciding a party's appeal."). As to Petitioner's request to proceed *in forma pauperis*, that request is granted, and the appeal is held in abeyance for thirty days to allow the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID) to screen this matter for the limited purpose of paying for any necessary transcript. Finally, to the extent Petition seeks a ruling on the merits prior to briefing in his December 16, 2025 filing, that request is denied.

  
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FOR THE COURT J.

Columbia, South Carolina

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