

February 2, 2025

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Clerk, Supreme Court of South Carolina
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Columbia, SC 29211

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Re: *John Richard Wood v. State of South Carolina*
No. 2022-CP-23-06219

Dear Ms. Howard:

Pursuant to *In re Stays of Execution in Capital Cases*, 321 S.C. 544, 471, S.E.2d 140 (1996), and the Court's order dated November 17, 2022, I am writing to report on the status of the above-referenced capital post-conviction relief case.

All evaluations in this competency to be executed action have been completed. On December 16, 2025, counsel for Applicant notified the circuit court that Attorney Lindsey Vann was leaving the practice of law and moved to substitute Attorney Allison Franz for Attorney Vann. The circuit court granted the motion and issued an order substituting counsel on December 30, 2025. The circuit court has scheduled an evidentiary hearing for March 24-25, 2026. The parties are currently preparing for the evidentiary hearing.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Allison Franz

cc: Melody Brown, Esq. (via email)
Judge Grace Knie (via email)