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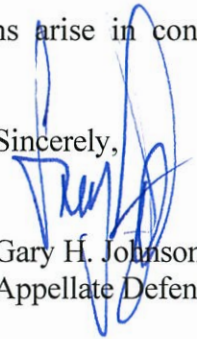
Re: Hakeem Evans v. State - Appellate Case No. 2025-001620

Dear Ms. Howard:

The petition for writ of certiorari and appendix in the above-titled case are due to be served and filed with this Court today. In preparing the appendix and petition for writ of certiorari, I discovered that petitioner sought to have his court appointed attorney relieved during an earlier hearing before the Honorable J. Derham Cole on August 20, 2024. Judge Cole denied the request, but the matter was renewed during the PCR hearing by the petitioner. A request for the transcript has been forwarded to the Court Reporter to complete the appendix before this Court. This is a request for the time limits to be held in abeyance pending receipt of the August 20, 2024, motion hearing transcript. Petitioner has not previously requested any extensions in connection with this matter and feels that the Appendix will be incomplete without including the earlier motion hearing and order denying same.

I am available should any questions arise in connection with this matter or if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,


Gary H. Johnson
Appellate Defender

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cc: Melody J. Brown, Esq.

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Court Administration

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Transcript Information:

Docket Number: 2022CP3000627
Court Type: Circuit

County: Laurens
Case Caption: Evans, Hakeem vs South Carolina, State of
Appeal Pending? Supreme Court
Death Penalty? No
Start Date of Proceeding: 8/19/2024
End Date of Proceeding: 8/23/2024
Presiding Judge: Cole, J. Derham
Court reporter daily assignments:
8/19/2024 (Monday): T. Scott, Tara
8/20/2024 (Tuesday): T. Scott, Tara
8/21/2024 (Wednesday): T. Scott, Tara
8/22/2024 (Thursday): T. Scott, Tara
8/23/2024 (Friday): No CR Needed
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(Defendant) State of South Carolina
(Plaintiff) Hakeem Evans
(Plaintiff Attorney) Ashley A. McMahan
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Portion of proceeding to be transcribed: Entire Hearing

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