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The Honorable Patricia A. Howard
Supreme Court of South Carolina
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(via email only - supctfilings@sccourts.org)

Re: <u>Clifton E. Smith v. State</u>	2026-000029
<u>Charles S. Trapp, Jr. v. State</u>	2025-002333
<u>Ralph Jake Goss, Jr. v. State</u>	2025-002332
<u>Kristi R. Powell v. State</u>	2025-002330
<u>Nicholas Rios v. State</u>	2025-001726
<u>Mark S. Wingo v. State</u>	2025-000935
<u>Mark Blake v. State</u>	2025-000420
<u>Javon J. Hair v. State</u>	2025-001559

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please be advised Ryan Kowalski, Talida Balaj, and Bryan TyJarris Hall, Esquires, should be removed as counsel of record in the above-captioned cases. If I am not already listed, please add me as counsel of record for the State and forward all future correspondence regarding these matters to me. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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