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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Com. Pls. Case No. 2023-cp-40-00242

Ct. App. Case No. 2025-002124

Sup. Ct. Case No. 2026-000066

Curtis D. Bale, ..... Petitioner,

v.

John A. Dougherty; Wachovia Securities Financial Holdings, LLC;  
Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC f/k/a Wells Fargo  
Advisors, LLC; Wells Fargo & Company; Wells Fargo  
Bank, N.A.; and LPL Financial LLC ..... Defendants,

of which John A. Dougherty; Wells Fargo Clearing  
Services, LLC f/k/a Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC;  
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.; and LPL Financial LLC are ..... Respondents.

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Attached and served upon you as Counsel for Petitioner Bale in the above matter, please find the *Return in Opposition to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Certiorari*.

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