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**APPEAL FROM NEWBERRY COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas**

Frank R. Addy, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Case No. 2025-CP-36-00757

James Earl Lovorn, III, ..... Appellant.

v.

National Collegiate Athletic Association ..... Respondent.

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I certify that I have served the Notice of Appeal on National Collegiate Athletic Association by delivering a copy of it by electronic mail to their attorneys of record, John E. Cuttino, [jcuttino@gwblawfirm.com](mailto:jcuttino@gwblawfirm.com) and Gray Culbreath, [gculbreath@gwblawfirm.com](mailto:gculbreath@gwblawfirm.com).

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RE: **James Earl Lovorn, III v. National Collegiate Athletic Association**  
**Case No.: 2025-CP-36-00757**

Dear Ms. Kitchings,

Enclosed for filing is a notice of appeal in the above case. Also enclosed are the following:

- (1). Proof of service of the notice of appeal on the respondents.
- (2). A copy of the judgment which is to be challenged on appeal.
- (3). A copy of the denial of Appellants Rule 59(e) Motion to Reconsider which is to be challenged on appeal.
- (4). A filing fee of \$250.00.

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