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Via Email (ctappfilings@sccourts.org)
The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings
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Re: *State Ethics Commission v. Kenneth Loveless*
Case No.: 2025-000875

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to Rule 208(b), SCACR, appellant Kenneth B. Loveless cites the Court to the following additional authorities:

One of the prime reasons for separation of powers is the desirability of spreading out the authority for the operation of the government. It prevents the concentration of power in the hands of too few, and provides a system of checks and balances. The legislative department makes the laws; the executive department carries the laws into effect; and the judicial department interprets and declares the laws.

State ex rel. McLeod v. McInnis, 278 S.C. 307, 295 S.E.2d 633, 536 (1982).

History reveals that litigation often arises because of conflicts between the branches of government (citations omitted). While case law within our state. . . involving separation of powers disputes is not a model of consistency, one theme reverberates throughout: the court's role in upholding the separation of powers doctrine is to maintain the three branches of government in position of equality.

Amisbud v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 407 S.C. 583, 757 S.E.2d 408, 412-413 (2014).

These citations are relevant in determining Issue One in the Appellant's Final Brief filed December 8, 2025 (pp. 5-17) and Issue One in the Reply brief filed December 8, 2025 (pp. 1- 7).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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