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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Supreme Court

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY

Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2025-002124

Curis 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on February 23, 2026, in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 262 (c)(3), I served the Reply in Support of Petition for Writ of Certiorari, Petition for Writ of Supersedeas, order of the circuit court, and copy of the Notice of Appeal with its certificate of service by electronic mail on the counsel below at their email address on file with the Attorney Information System. I further certify that all parties required to have been served have been served.

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