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South Carolina Court of Appeals

Attn: Jenny Abbott Kitchings, Clerk of Court

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Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Lisa Summer Rice, et al. v. Newberry Lions Club and Betty Amick, et al.  
and A. Murray Gray v. Betty Amick, as Personal Representative – Appellate Case No. 2025-000497

Dear Clerk Kitchings:

We just filed our Reply Brief of Appellants on February 17, 2026, and the deadline for submitting the Record on Appeal is March 19, 2026. I have a longstanding engagement to teach at a law school in Cluj, Romania (*Pro Bono*), departing March 4 and returning to the office on March 16.

Since I will be out of the office for over eight workdays before the Record on Appeal needs to be filed, I will be pressed to meet that deadline. I have communicated with counsel for the Respondents, Mary Caskey, Esquire, and Biff Sowell, Esquire, and they have agreed to consent to an extension up to April 17. Attached are their emails signifying their consent.

I would request that you grant me an extension until April 1, 2026, to file the Record on Appeal. If a formal motion and/or a filing fee is required, please advise. Thank you very much.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

POPE PARKER JENKINS, P.A.

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Enclosure

cc: Mary M. Caskey, Esquire (*via email only*)  
Thornwell F. Sowell III, Esquire (*via email only*)  
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**From:** Biff Sowell bsowell@sowelldurant.com

**Subject:** Re: Rice Record on Appeal

**Date:** February 23, 2026 at 12:47 PM

**To:** Tom Pope tom@ppjlaw.com

**Cc:** Mary Caskey mcaskey@hsblawfirm.com, sam price rshealy517@hotmail.com, Betsy Alexander betsy@ppjlaw.com, Kyle Parker kyle@ppjlaw.com

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Yes. Good travels.  
Sent from my iPhone

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Biff and Mary

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**From:** Caskey, Mary mcaskey@hsblawfirm.com

**Subject:** Re: Rice Record on Appeal

**Date:** February 23, 2026 at 12:35 PM

**To:** Tom Pope tom@ppjlaw.com

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Of course. No problem.  
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