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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
PO Box 11629
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: State v. David Fields
Appellate Case No. 2025-000437

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I have still not received the transcript in the above-referenced case. I have attached the email thread between me and Ms. Williams which documents our communication since my last letter. While the emails speak for themselves, I would like to draw the Court's attention to a couple of key sections.

On February 11, Ms. Williams indicated that the transcript was "typed," and she just needed to "finish proofreading it and make formatting corrections." On February 17, Ms. Williams indicated that she hoped the transcript would be completed that day. By Friday February 20, I still had not received the transcript so reached out to her again for an update. On February 23, this past Monday, Ms. Williams indicated that the transcript was "almost done" and that she would let me know "which day this week it will be finished." On Friday February 27, I had not heard anything additional from Ms. Williams so I reached out to see if it would be completed by the end of the day. Ms. Williams' response appeared out of character from her previous emails to me. After apologizing for her comments, Ms. Williams suggested that the "better plan" was to "deliver [the transcript] in volumes over the weekend." Unfortunately, the weekend is over and I have received zero "volumes" of the transcript.

I am cognizant of the high case load and difficult job our court reporters have and do not send this letter lightly. Given the difficulty in obtaining the transcript in this case though, I respectfully ask the Court to take remedial action to ensure prompt production of the transcript—preferably within ten days of the date of this letter. I additionally request that the transcript be produced without costs to Mr. Fields given the long delay in production.

Sincerely,

s/Adam Ruffin
Adam Sinclair Ruffin
Ruffin Law Firm, LLC

cc: Mark Farthing, Esquire
Kymberlee Williams
Tammie Holmes
South Carolina Court Administration



Re: David Fields Transcript

From Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Date Fri 2026-02-27 8:56 PM
To Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>

I didn't take it as disrespectful to me but I did find your comments a little disrespectful to Mr. Fields. I will notify them Monday morning and provide them with a copy of this email thread if I haven't received the entire thing by then.

Adam

From: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 5:48 PM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

I am touching base. If you need to notify the COA before the Monday morning, I understand. I am doing my best, and you will soon see when you read it. I think a better plan is to deliver it in volumes over the weekend.

Also, I am so sorry to be disrespectful in thinking you are a newbie independent attorney. That is entirely my fault. Della told me you are great, and you used to be one of them. I guess I took that to mean you were recently out on your own, and I definitely didn't mean to be disrespectful.

Thank you for your patience.

Kimberlee Mignanelli Williams, CSR/RPR
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From: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 12:02 PM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

Understood.

Thank you.

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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 11:56 AM
To: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

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No he is not one of my first clients but this is certainly the longest I have ever had to wait for a transcript. Please send it today or I will have to update the Court again that it has still not been produced. Thank you.

Adam

From: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 8:37 AM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

yes, sir! This wk. We can't let Mr fields linger. He is bipolar (for real) and impatient and I think he is one of yr
First clients since u went out on yr own.
The good news is, Mr fields know me, and had felt free to email me for 3 yrs.
it will b fine. 😊

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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Sent: Friday, February 27, 2026 9:06:49 AM
To: Williams, Kymberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

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Hey Kymberlee I wanted to check in again. Do you still think you will finish this by today? I told my client we would have it this week.

Adam

From: Williams, Kymberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 8:12 AM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

Good morning. Touching base with you on this. Please bear with me a little bit longer. It's almost done, and I'm sorry it's moving along very slowly. I will keep you posted as to which day this week it will be finished.

Thanks so much.

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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 10:03 AM
To: Williams, Kymberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

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Hey just checking in to see when you think you will be able to get this to me. Thanks!

From: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 2:17 PM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

Keeping you posted on this. Still working on it, and I hope to have it finished today.

Thanks so much!

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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2026 9:48 AM
To: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

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Okay great thank you please keep me posted.

From: Williams, Kimberlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 4:16 PM
To: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Subject: Re: David Fields Transcript

Hi, Adam:

Thanks for checking in on the status. Finally had surgery last week, and I was out of commission from Tues. 2-3 until Tuesday 2-10 (yesterday).

I am working to finish this by the weekend. I thought the latest extension gave us until the 21st, and it will definitely be done before then. It's typed, I just have to finish proofreading it and make formatting corrections.

Please bear with me until Monday. We will both be happy when this is finished.

If I don't think I can finish it over the weekend, I will let you know by Saturday morning; however, I do not foresee any other delays.

Thanks so much!

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From: Adam Ruffin <adam@ruffinappeals.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2026 9:08 AM
To: Williams, Kymerlee <kwilliams@sccourts.org>
Subject: David Fields Transcript

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Hey Kymerlee,

I just wanted to check in to see if you had an estimated time as to when you think this transcript will be completed? Thank you!

Adam

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