

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
CHARLESTON DIVISION

SAMUEL TUCKER COLLINS, JR.,
the living man,)

Petitioner,

v.) Case No. 2:26-mc-00086-RMG-MGB

REBECCA MASSEY and
SHANITA BRANGMAN,

Respondents.

Appellate case No. 2025 - 002352

**PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO COURT ORDER
AND CLARIFICATION OF PROCEEDING**

COMES NOW Samuel Tucker Collins, Jr., the living man, appearing in his own proper person, and hereby files this Response to the Court's Order dated March 3, 2026 (Dkt. No. 7), and provides the following clarification:

I. PETITIONER'S CAPACITY

1. Petitioner appears in this proceeding in his own proper person as **Samuel Tucker Collins, Jr., a living man**. He does not appear as a trustee, representative, or agent of any trust, corporation, or other entity.
2. The reference to the STCJ Network Revocable Living Trust in Petitioner's initial filings was informational only, identifying Petitioner's internal estate planning structure. Petitioner does not seek to represent the trust in this proceeding and understands that a non-attorney cannot represent a trust in federal court.
3. To the extent the Court construed any filing as an attempt to represent the trust, Petitioner hereby withdraws any such appearance and clarifies that he appears solely on his own behalf.

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II. NATURE OF THIS PROCEEDING

4. This miscellaneous docket was opened for the purpose of creating an **ancillary federal record** related to Petitioner's pending state court proceedings, specifically **Collins v. West Palmetto Holdings, LLC**, South Carolina Court of Appeals Case No. 2025-002352.
5. Petitioner understands that miscellaneous dockets are properly used for "ancillary and supplementary proceedings" as noted in the Court's Order. It is Petitioner's intent to maintain this docket for the limited purposes of:
 - a. Lodging equitable notices and pleadings;
 - b. Preserving rights under UCC 1-308;
 - c. Documenting the conduct of parties in the underlying state proceedings;
 - d. Creating a public record of Petitioner's good faith efforts and clean hands;
 - e. Providing a forum for equitable tender and lodgment;
 - f. Preserving all rights pending resolution of the state court appeal.
6. This proceeding is **not a civil action** against any defendant. Petitioner seeks no monetary damages, no judgment against any named party, and no relief that would require an adversarial proceeding.

III. THE NAMED RESPONDENTS

7. Respondents Rebecca Massey and Shanita Brangman were named solely to satisfy administrative filing requirements imposed by the Clerk's office at the time of filing. Petitioner does not seek any relief against these individuals and has no claim against them.
8. Petitioner hereby **withdraws any and all claims, demands, or requests for relief** against Respondents Rebecca Massey and Shanita Brangman. These individuals are not proper parties to this miscellaneous proceeding.
9. Petitioner requests that the caption be amended to reflect the true nature of this proceeding, with no defendants named, or in the alternative, that the Court treat this matter as:

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IV. THE PLEA OF RELEASE AND EQUITABLE TENDER

10. Petitioner's Plea of Release and Equitable Tender (Dkt. No. 5), filed February 27, 2026, remains pending. That pleading is not a motion for relief against any defendant, but rather a **lodgment of equitable tender** and a request that the Court accept said tender into its registry as evidence of Petitioner's good faith and clean hands.
11. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court **consider the Plea of Release and Equitable Tender as an equitable lodgment, properly filed as part of this miscellaneous docket**. The tender of \$50.00 remains available and Petitioner is prepared to submit the funds to the Court's registry if the Court so directs.

V. COMPLIANCE WITH COURT INSTRUCTIONS

12. Petitioner has reviewed the Court's instructions regarding proper form. Because Petitioner is **not initiating a civil action** against any defendant, Petitioner respectfully submits that:
 - a. No complaint is required, as this is not a civil action;
 - b. No filing fee is due, as no civil action is commenced;
 - c. No summons forms are needed, as no defendants are named;
 - d. No USM-285 forms are needed, as no service is requested;
 - e. Petitioner has completed the Local Rule 26.01 Interrogatories and files them concurrently herewith.
13. **Alternatively, if the Court determines that a miscellaneous docket is not proper for the purposes stated herein, Petitioner requests guidance on how to properly preserve his equitable filings.**

VI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

14. Petitioner expressly reserves all rights under UCC 1-308 and applicable law.
15. Nothing in this Response shall be construed as a waiver of any claim, defense, or right Petitioner may have in any forum.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court:

1. Accept this Response as clarification of Petitioner's capacity and the nature of this proceeding;
2. Confirm that Respondents Massey and Brangman are not proper parties and that no claims are asserted against them;

3. Consider the Plea of Release and Equitable Tender as an equitable lodgment, properly filed as part of this miscellaneous docket;
4. Alternatively, provide guidance on how to properly preserve Petitioner's equitable filings if the Court determines a miscellaneous docket is not proper;
5. Provide such further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of March, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petitioner's Response to Court Order and Clarification of Proceeding was served upon the following by hand delivery / U.S. Mail on this 13th day of March, 2026:

Recipient	Address
Rebecca Massey, Clarendon County Register of Deeds	411 Sunset Drive, Manning, SC 29102
Shanita Brangman, Clerk of Court	3 West Keitt Street, Manning, SC 29102

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