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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM ANDERSON COUNTY

Steven C. Kirven, Master-In-Equity

Lower Court Case Number 2023-CP-04-0846

James C. Sitton, II, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of John D. Sitton, and Beatty A. Sitton, Appellants,

v.

John D. Sitton, Jr., individually and as Former Trustee of the John D. Sitton Trust, and Brian K. James, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth R. Sitton, Defendants,

Of whom John D. Sitton, Jr., is the Respondent

Appellate Case No. 2025-002061

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Pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, undersigned counsel hereby certifies that true copies of the initial brief of Respondent and the designation of the matters to be included in the record on appeal have been served upon Adam Sinclair Ruffin, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and by regular first class mail this 9th day of February, 2026

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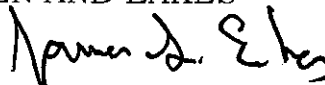
RE: *James C. Sitton, II. Individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of John D. Sitton and Betty A. Sitton v. John D. Sitton, Jr., individually and as Former Trustee of the John S. Sitton Trust, and Brian K. James, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth R. Sitton*
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Dear Ms. Kitchens:

Please find enclosed herewith the Initial Brief of Respondent, and Designation on the matters to be included in the Record on Appeal, together with a Certificate of Service, which I am e-filing today.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,
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