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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

Tony Williams, Appellant, v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC, Respondent.

Appellate Case No. 2026-000079

APPELLANT'S INQUIRY REGARDING EQUAL APPLICATION OF RULE 240,
SCACR

Appellant Tony Williams, appearing *pro se*, respectfully submits this inquiry to the Clerk of Court regarding the status of filing fees for the following entries:

1. **Motion to Substitute Counsel (03/12/2026)**
2. **Motion for Sanctions (03/17/2026)**

The Conflict: On March 23, 2026, the Clerk issued a Deficiency Letter to the Appellant requiring \$250.00 in fees for five pending motions. However, the Public Index does not reflect similar deficiency notices for the Respondents' motions.

The Request: Appellant moves for a verification that the Respondents—who remain in **Certified Default** in the lower court and are "out of court" per *Thynes v. Lloyd*—have complied with the mandatory \$50.00 filing fee per motion under **Rule 240, SCACR**. If fees were not paid, Appellant moves to **Strike** the unauthorized filings of the Respondents as procedurally defective.

s/ **Tony Williams**