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IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

In The Court Of Appeals

APPEAL FROM BEAUFORT COUNTY

Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Carmen T. Mullen/Circuit Court Judge

Case No: 2018-CP-07-00718

Appellate Case No: 2025-002399

Geraldine White, Appellant

v.

John R.C. Bowen and Kori Brett McKeithan, Respondents

Appellant's Status Response Regarding Transcript and
Motion for Leave to File Initial Brief and Designation of Matter For Record on Appeal
Out of Time

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APPELLANT'S STATUS RESPONSE REGARDING TRANSCRIPT

Appellant Geraldine White, pro se, respectfully submits this Status Response in response to the Court's order dated March 16, 2026, directing Appellant to provide a status update regarding the transcript within ten (10) days.

1. The transcript referenced in the Court's order has already been received by the Court of Appeals.

2. Upon review of the available filing information, Appellant has confirmed that the transcript was received by the Court on February 3, 2026.

3. A copy of the proof reflecting receipt of the transcript on February 3, 2026, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. Appellant submits this response in compliance with the Court's March 16, 2026 order and to clarify that the transcript issue has already been satisfied.

5. Appellant contemporaneously files, or will promptly file, Appellant's Motion for Leave to File Initial Brief Out of Time, together with the Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter for Record on Appeal.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court note that the transcript was received on February 3, 2026, deem this status response timely and sufficient, and grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Proof of Receipt of Transcript

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COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

GERALDINE WHITE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN R.C. BOWEN,

Defendant.

October 28, 2025

MOTION HEARING

B E F O R E:

The Honorable Carmen Tevis Mullen, Presiding Judge.

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South Carolina Circuit Court 9

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIBER

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

I, BARBIE TEBOE, a court-approved transcriber, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, accurate, and complete Transcript of Record of the proceedings and evidence introduced in the trial of the captioned case, in the Court of Common Pleas for Charleston County, South Carolina, on the 28th day of October, 2025.

I further certify that I am neither of kin, counsel, nor interest to any party hereto.

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APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE INITIAL BRIEF OUT OF TIME

Appellant Geraldine White, pro se, respectfully moves this Court for leave to file the Appellant's Initial Brief out of time, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. This appeal is presently pending before the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
 2. The Court entered an order dated March 16, 2026, directing Appellant to provide a status response regarding the transcript within ten (10) days.
 3. Appellant has since confirmed that the transcript was in fact received by the Court of Appeals on February 3, 2026.
 4. Appellant attaches proof of that receipt as Exhibit A to the accompanying Status Response and incorporates that shown herein by reference.
 5. Under Rule 208, SCACR, the appellant's initial brief is due within thirty (30) days after receipt of the transcript.
 6. Appellant acknowledges that the Initial Brief was not filed within that period.
 7. Appellant respectfully requests leave of Court to file the Initial Brief out of time in the interest of justice and so that this appeal may be resolved on the merits rather than on a procedural default.
 8. Appellant has acted promptly upon confirming that the transcript had already been received and is contemporaneously tendering:
 - a. the Appellant's Initial Brief;
 - b. the Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal; and
 - c. proof of service.
 9. No unfair prejudice will result to Respondent from allowing the Initial Brief to be filed out of time, whereas denial of this motion would effectively terminate Appellant's ability to obtain appellate review.
 10. Appellant respectfully submits that good cause exists for the Court to accept the Initial Brief out of time and to permit this appeal to proceed.
- WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court enter an order:
- (1) granting leave to file the Appellant's Initial Brief out of time;
 - (2) accepting the tendered Initial Brief as filed;
 - (3) accepting the Designation of Matter for Record on Appeal; and
 - (4) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROPOSED ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on Appellant's Motion for Leave to File Initial Brief Out of Time. Having reviewed the motion and the record, the Court finds good cause exists to grant the requested relief.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Appellant's Motion for Leave to File Initial Brief Out of Time is GRANTED;
2. The Appellant's Initial Brief tendered with the motion is accepted as filed;
3. The Designation of Matter to Be Included in the Record on Appeal is accepted; and
4. This appeal shall proceed in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

By the Court

Dated: _____
Columbia, South Carolina