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Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
Post Office Box 11330
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

In Re: Rodney Ajaira Hicks v. South Carolina Department of Social

Services and Kizzie Oglesby

Appellate Case No. 2026-000433

Petition for Original Jurisdiction under Rule 245, SCACR

Dear Clerk of Court:

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter the following documents:

1. Petition for Original Jurisdiction and Expedited Consideration;
2. Table of Exhibits, with Exhibits A through O annexed thereto;
3. Proof of Service.

This Petition is filed in direct response to this Court's Order dated April 10, 2026 in the above-captioned matter. In footnote two of that Order, this Court expressly stated that nothing prevents Petitioner from filing a petition seeking relief under Rule 245, SCACR.

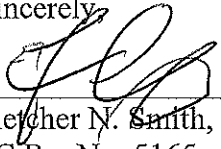
Because the family court contempt adjudication is a permanent, operative finding whose prejudicial effect compounds with each day it remains on the docket, and because the suspended ninety-day sentence of incarceration may be activated without further notice, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court give this matter expedited consideration in accordance with the proposed schedule set forth in Section IX of the Petition.

A copy of the foregoing filing, including the Petition, the Table of Exhibits with all Exhibits, and the Proof of Service, has been served upon counsel for Respondent South Carolina Department of Social Services and upon Respondent Kizzie Oglesby, appearing pro se, as reflected in the Proof of Service filed herewith.

Should the Court or the Office of the Clerk require any additional documents, information, or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact undersigned counsel at the address or telephone number appearing above.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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cc: Sarah Marie Coldiron, Esquire (with enclosures)
Ms. Kizzie A. Oglesby (with enclosures)
Mr. Rodney Ajaira Hicks (with enclosures)

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Enclosures