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Subject: URGENT: NOTICE OF UNAUTHORIZED REPRESENTATION & LACK OF CORPORATE CONSENT – Appellate Case No. 2026-000079
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CC: AMelling@burr.com; [Michelle Gaston Email]

To Lowe's Corporate Compliance:

I am a 100% disabled veteran and the Appellant in the above-referenced matter. I am writing to provide formal notice of a critical procedural fraud involving your counsel of record.

The Fraudulent Filing:

On March 12, 2026, a **Motion for Substitution of Representation** was filed in the South Carolina Court of Appeals claiming that Michelle Gaston was replacing Andrew Melling as counsel for Lowe's with "*Respondents' full consent.*"

The Forensic Reality:

1. **Lack of Corporate Consent:** A review of this filing reveals **zero signatures** from any authorized Corporate Officer, Registered Agent, or In-House Counsel for Lowe's Home Centers, LLC. In South Carolina, a lawyer cannot "substitute" themselves out of a multi-million dollar case without a signed **Consent to Substitute** from the client.
2. **Status N (Former):** Because this substitution was unperfected and unauthorized, the Court of Appeals C-Track system currently lists Andrew Melling as "**Status N (Former)**".
3. **Legal Nullity:** Since Lowe's never signed the consent for Michelle Gaston—who is a **Defendant** in my related malpractice suit (Case 02967)—Lowe's currently has **no authorized counsel** on the record.

The \$30,000,000.00 Consequence:

Because a corporation cannot represent itself and your lawyers have failed to provide a valid, consented-to substitution, Lowe's is currently in a state of **unrepresented default**. Any attempt by these unauthorized attorneys to participate in the "Ghost Hearing" on May 5th in the lower court (Case 01666) will be reported as **Extrinsic Fraud** and the **Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL)**.

I am signing off for the weekend to attend to my wife's medical homecoming. I expect Lowe's to produce a signed, pre-dated Consent to Substitute by Monday morning, or I will move the Supreme Court for immediate entry of the \$30,000,000.00 Judgment.

Respectfully,

Tony Williams

Appellant Pro Se