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The State of South Carolina  
In the Court of Appeals

First Class Barbers, LLC, Appellant,  
v.  
Douglas Family Partnership, LLP, Respondent.

Appellate Case No.: 2025-002312

**PETITION FOR REHEARING**

Appellant, First Class Barbers, LLC, respectfully petitions this Court for rehearing pursuant to Rule 221(a), SCACR. **I. INTRODUCTION**

This Petition requests reconsideration of the Court's dismissal of this appeal on March 19, 2026. The dismissal occurred under circumstances in which Appellant was not meaningfully represented and was procedurally prevented from being heard. **II. RELEVANT BACKGROUND**

1. Appellant was listed as represented by counsel at the time of dismissal.
2. There was a substantial breakdown in representation, and counsel was no longer actively representing Appellant's interests.
3. Counsel failed to take necessary action to protect Appellant's appellate rights.
4. Appellant attempted to file a motion to preserve its rights.
5. The Court declined to consider the filing due to hybrid representation rules. **III. BASIS FOR REHEARING**

**A. Appellant Was Effectively Unrepresented**

Although counsel remained listed, Appellant was functionally without representation due to inaction.

**B. Procedural Barriers Prevented Appellant from Being Heard**

Appellant attempted in good faith to seek relief but was unable to proceed due to procedural rules and lack of counsel action.

**C. Interests of Justice Favor Reinstatement**

Dismissal under these circumstances results in denial of a meaningful opportunity to be heard. **IV. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court:

1. Grant this Petition for Rehearing
2. Vacate the dismissal of the appeal
3. Reinstate the appeal
4. Provide time to obtain substitute counsel

Respectfully submitted,

First Class Barbers, LLC

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Authorized Representative

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**II. BACKGROUND**

Appellant's counsel failed to act, and a breakdown in representation occurred. Appellant attempted to file in good faith, but was prevented due to procedural rules. **III. BASIS**

Appellant was effectively unrepresented and denied a meaningful opportunity to be heard. **IV. RELIEF**  
Appellant requests reinstatement of the appeal and time to obtain new counsel. Respectfully submitted,

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