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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
DANIEL COBLE, CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Appellate Case No.: 2026-000047

Stuart Axelrod,..... Appellant,

v.

Steve Nash and John Doe,  
Principal of Steve Nash, Defendants,

of which Steve Nash is the, ..... Respondent.

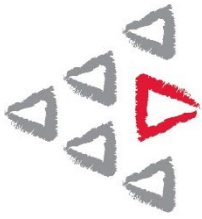
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I, Beth Cogan, an employee with Ballard & Watson, Attorneys at Law, do hereby certify that on April 24, 2026 I served a copy of the **Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter** in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by electronic mail using their email address listed in the Attorney Information System, addressed as follows:

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Re: *Stuart Axelrod v. Steve Nash*  
Case No.: 2022-CP-40-05229

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing the **Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of Matter** in the above-referenced matter. By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, these filing has been served upon counsel for the Respondents. Thank you for your time in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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