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Re: Preston R. Oates v. State
NOTICE OF APPEARANCE; TRANSCRIPT REQUESTED
Appellate Case No. **2026-000818**

Dear Ms. Howard:

Please be advised that **Preston R. Oates** has retained **Dayne C. Phillips, Esq.**, for legal representation on the above-referenced appeal. I am providing a copy of this letter to Chief Appellate Defender Wanda Carter, and opposing counsel, Danielle Dixon, Esq.

I have requested a copy of the PCR hearing transcript in the above-captioned case. As required by the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, I will notify the Court upon receipt of the requested transcript.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

s/ Dayne Phillips
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