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Lower Court Case Number 2023-CP-04-0846

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James C. Sitton, II, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of John D. Sitton, and Beatty A. Sitton, Appellants,

v.

John D. Sitton, Jr., individually and as Former Trustee of the John D. Sitton Trust, and Brian K. James, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruth R. Sitton, Defendants,

Of whom John D. Sitton, Jr., is the Respondent

Appellate Case No. 2025-002061

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Pursuant to Rule 262(c)(3), SCACR, undersigned counsel hereby certifies that a true copy of the Respondent's Final Brief has been served upon Adam Sinclair Ruffin, at the primary e-mail address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), and by regular first class mail this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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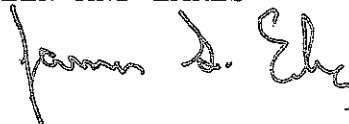
Dear Mr. Ruffin:

Please find enclosed herewith one (1) bound copy of Respondent's Final Brief, a certificate of service by mail, and my cover letter to the Court of Appeals which have been emailed to you of even date herewith.

With best regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Thank you for your assistance.

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