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Appellate Case No.: 2025-001237

Common Pleas Case No.: 2025-CP-26-001237

Victoria Joy Stevens,

Appellant,

v.

Charles Ard,

Respondent.

PETITION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL FOR RESPONDENT

Pursuant to Rule 264, SCACR, the undersigned attorney L. Bradley Smith of Rivertown Law hereby petitions this Court for an order confirming that L. Bradley Smith of Rivertown Law, does not represent the Respondent, Charles Ard, in this appellate matter.

BACKGROUND

The undersigned represented the Respondent in the lower court matter of Victoria Joy Stevens vs. Charlie Ard and Wilbur Causey, Case No.: 2022-CP-26-04125. Following the conclusion of those proceedings, the scope of representation ended and the undersigned has not been retained to represent the Respondent in this appeal.

GROUNDS FOR WITHDRAWAL

The undersigned is not retained for this appeal.

NOTICE

In accordance with Rule 264(b), written notice of this petition has been provided to the Respondent at their last known address, 2621 Simpson Creek Drive, Loris, South Carolina, 29569. Notice has also been served upon the Appellant, Victoria Joy Stevens.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Court enter an order relieving L. Bradley Smith of Rivertown Law of any further responsibility in this case and updating the court records to reflect the Respondent's status as unrepresented.

Respectfully submitted,

May 12, 2026

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served the Petition to Withdraw as Counsel for Respondent on the Appellant, Victoria Joy Stevens, by depositing a copy of it in the United States Certified Mail and United States Regular Mail, postage prepaid on May 12, 2026, addressed to the Pro Se Litigant, Victoria Joy Stevens, 4311 Cryan Street, Loris, South Carolina, 29569.

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