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**THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
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APPEAL FROM SALUDA COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV, Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No.: 2025-001669  
Civil Action No.: 2021-CP-41-00032

Jan H. Bryan, .....Appellant,

v.

Saluda County, Saluda County Council, Donald E. Hancock in his Official  
Capacity as Chairman of Saluda County Council, Rhonda W. Browning, and  
First Community Bank, .....Defendants,

of which Saluda County, Saluda County Council, and Rhonda W. Browning  
are the ..... Respondents.

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that, on this date, the **BRIEF OF APPELLANT** and **REPLY BRIEF OF APPELLANT** were served on counsel of record via first-class mail delivery, and by email, pursuant to Supreme Court Order dated April 24, 2024, as follows:

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Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing please the Brief of Appellant and Reply Brief of Appellant along with Proof of Service regarding the above-referenced matter. Also please note, one (1) bound copy of both the Brief of Appellant and Reply Brief of Appellant will be hand delivered to the Court of Appeals as instructed. The enclosed documents have been served upon all counsel of record today via email and first-class mail as indicated in the Proof of Service.

Please let me know if you have any further concerns or questions.

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