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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GREENVILLE COUNTY
Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Circuit Court Judge

Appellate Case No. 2023-001766

Ex Parte South Carolina Department of Mental Health Appellant/Respondent

In re:
The State Respondents,

v.

Jevon Kenneth Carter Respondent/Appellant.

MOTION TO RELIEVE COUNSEL

Attorneys Logan Royals and Alex Pate, formerly with the Appellant-Respondent South Carolina Department of Mental Health, move to be relieved as counsel. Both attorneys have moved into new roles at other state employers as of May 5, 2026, and SCDMH was made aware of this over a month in advance of that date. Attorney Desa Ballard filed a notice of appearance on behalf of the Appellant-Respondent SCDMH on April 7, 2026, in anticipation of this event; no materially adverse effects for SCDMH are anticipated.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I, Alex Pate, do hereby certify that on May 18, 2026, I served a copy of the Motion to Relieve Counsel in the above captioned case on the following individuals by electronic mail using their email addresses listed in the Attorney Information System:

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Good afternoon,

SC Court of Appeals

Attached is a motion to relieve counsel that will be filed this afternoon. As you may be aware, Logan Royals and I have accepted positions elsewhere in the state (SC Department of Revenue and SCJB Court Administration, respectively). Desa Ballard (copied) has filed a notice of appearance and will be representing SCBHDD-OMH (formerly SCDMH) in this matter moving forward.

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

Sincerely,

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