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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Re: Wilson and Others v. Dallas and Others, Adele J. Pope...Appellant
AND Terry Brown and Others, Respondents AND Alan Wilson and
Others Additional Interested Persons
Aiken County Case No. 2007-CP-02-0122; Case No. 2008-CP-02-
0872; Case No. 2008-CP-02-0322; Case No. 2010-CP-02-
0721; Case No. 2012-CP-02-1059; Case No. 2008-CP-02-1426;
Case No. 2008-CP-02-1712; Case No. 2008-CP-02-2127;
Case No. 2008-CP-02-1556; Case No. 2008-CP-02-1557;
Case No. 2008-CP-02-1758; Case No. 2008-CP-02-1759;
Case No. 2008-CP-02-1647; Case No. 2013-CP-02-1348
Appellate Case No. 2013-002582

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

This letter supplements my letter of yesterday responding to your letter of December 9 (copy enclosed). I wanted to make sure that Court Administration and all appropriate counsel and parties were aware of my communication.

Since the Case is being assigned a separate Appellate Case number, and not part of a pending appeal, I would appreciate some assistance with the date the Initial Brief is due and the proper caption.

The original summons, apparently with two petitions, was filed in the Aiken County Circuit Court on July 29, 2013. It references an Application/Petition for Successor Personal Representative and Trustee "in this action." The summons contains circuit court Case Numbers 2008-CP-02-1647 and 2009-CP-02-1810, as well as the General Probate Number of the Estate of James Brown, 2007-ES-02-0056.

The summons is directed to "ALL NECESSARY PARTIES" but does not name either plaintiffs or defendants. The accompanying petitions designate ALAN M. WILSON, in his capacity as the Attorney General of the State of South Carolina, with others, as the petitioners, but were generated by Fred L. Kingsmore, Esquire and others of Nexsen Pruet, LLC. Mr. Kingsmore and counsel do not designate their clients in the petitions, but have appeared for Russell L. Bauknight in other James Brown matters.

So far as I can tell, there is no evidence of service of the summons and petitions on anyone within the record.

The October 1, 2013 circuit court order which is the subject of this appeal does not designate plaintiffs or defendants. It contains the same three case numbers as are shown in the summons.

The Clerk's Form 4 judgment entry related to the October 1 Order, filed October 3, designates the Plaintiff as Henry Dargan McMaster and Defendants as Daryl, Lindsey, Janise, Vanisha, Larry, Deanna, Jason, and Yamma Brown, with Sydney L. (a minor). It appears to have been circulated to the Office of Attorney General Wilson, Matthew D. Bodman, Esq., various member of Nexsen Pruet, LLC, William J. Barr, Esq., Robert Rosen, Esq., Louis Levenson, Esq., and David Bell, Esq.

The Form 4 Order of the Honorable Doyet A. Early, III, dated October 23, 2013, states that "Adele J. Pope's Motion to Reconsider, Vacate, Alter or Amend Order Dated October 1, 2013 is DENIED." The October 23 Order does not name Plaintiffs or Defendants. It deletes the Probate Court Estate Number from the caption.

The distribution list of the October 23 Order appears to be identical to the distribution list of the October 1 Order, but the name of James M. Griffin, Esquire, is noted on that Order. [It was stricken from the earlier distribution list.]

I wish to notify the Court that I learned this week from the public file that Mr. Griffin moved before the filing of my notice of appeal to be relieved as counsel to two daughters of James Brown – La Rhonda Pettit and Cinnamon Nicole Parris. Mr. Griffin asked the Court to issue an order granting them sufficient time to obtain new counsel.

So far as I know Mr. Griffin's motion has not been heard or ruled on.

Finally, when I requested and received a copy of the Orders on November 13, 2013, I also received a copy of the transcript of both hearings from the Clerk. For that reason, it appears that ordering a transcript is not necessary because I now have the transcript; it was provided to the above parties as indicated; and it is part of the public record.


I would appreciate the Court's guidance as to the following questions:

1. What is the correct caption for this appeal?
2. Particularly, should Mr. Bauknight and Mr. Sojourner be named?
3. Is my initial brief due 30 days from the December 6 filing, or at

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a later time?

Thank you for your help.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosure: Your letter of December 9, 2013

cc:

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