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Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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South Carolina Court of Appeals
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Re: *Mary Ellen Valent vs. Celeste Nicole Delaplane*
Appellate Case No.: 2013-002584

SC COURT OF APPEALS

Dear Madam Clerk:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 12, 2013, and I am writing to advise you and the Court that I do not represent either the Plaintiff nor the Defendant in the above matter.

My name was given to you, probably by virtue of my representation of Thomas Heyward Academy of Ridgeland, South Carolina, which was served with a Subpoena Duces Tecum for academic records of the Defendant Delaplane's children, to which the Academy objected. The issue of the Academy's compliance was heard and resolved by Amended Order of the Hon. Marvin H. Dukes, III, Special Circuit Court Judge for Beaufort County, prior to the trial of this case.

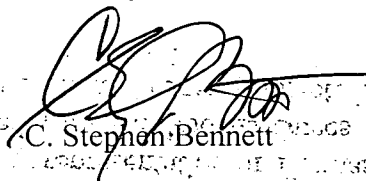
In summary, to my knowledge, the only attorneys involved in this appeal should be Gary Patrick Coggin, Esquire attorney for the Plaintiff, and Julian Kane Allen, Esquire, attorney for the Defendant.

If the Court requires a Stipulation of Counsel as to my "non-involvement" in this appeal, I will prepare and circulate the same, and forward it to your office.

If I need to take any other actions regarding this appeal, please advise me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



C. Stephen Bennett

CSB/brk:

cc: Hon. Marvin H. Dukes, III
cc: Gary Patrick Coggin, Esquire
cc: Julian Kane Allen, Esquire
cc: Marilyn Davis, Head of School
for Thomas Heyward Academy