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The Honorable Jeny A. Kitchings
Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals
1051 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: State v. Joseph E. Edmond – Appellate Case No. 2023-000799
State v. Thomas E. McDowell - Appellate Case No. 2024-000226

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I received letters dated June 4, 2026, indicating the above cases may be scheduled for oral argument during the September 2026, and October 2026, terms of court. The letters request that I advise the Court of any scheduling conflicts. Please be advised that I have long-standing plans to be out of town October 14, 15, 2026, for my daughter's wedding. I respectfully request that oral arguments in the above two cases not be scheduled for October 14, or 15, 2026. Any consideration you can give in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you, and if you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathrine H. Hudgins
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