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Re: Leonard L. Foster, #179576 v. SCDC
Appellate Case No. 2026-001053

Dear Mr. Foster:

On June 1, 2026, the Court received your designation of matter, your attempt to correct the deficiency on your motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and a document titled "Reply Brief." Upon review of these documents, the following deficiency has been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR) for your designation of matter and motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, and this deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter, or this appeal may be dismissed and the Court will not consider your motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*:

- The accompanying proof of service is not in compliance with SCACR. Specifically, you provided proofs of service for the notice of appeal and for the reply brief. However, you must provide a proof of service stating the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* and the designation of matter were served on Respondent's counsel. Your proof of service should be substantially in the format shown by Form 7 in Appendix C to part II of the SCACR.

Additionally, pursuant to Rule 208, SCACR, your filing of the reply brief is premature. Accordingly, your reply brief is being returned to you with this letter for you to file at the appropriate time.

Very truly yours,

Jasmine D. Smith, Deputy
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cc: Christina Catoe Bigelow, Esquire