

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND AVAILABILITY OF TRANSCRIPT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Case No. 2026-001537

James R. Watson, Jr.,
Appellant,

v.

Lori Lee Creel,
Respondent.

Appeal from Florence County Court of Common Pleas
Lower Court C/A No. 2025-CP-21-02046

RECEIVED

Aug 11 2026

SC Court of Appeals

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND AVAILABILITY OF TRANSCRIPT

Appellant James R. Watson, Jr., appearing pro se, respectfully submits this Notice to advise the Court that the transcript previously ordered in connection with this appeal has now been completed and received.

1. The transcript concerns the hearing conducted before the Honorable George M. McFaddin, Jr., in the Florence County Court of Common Pleas on **May 6, 2026**.
2. The completed transcript consists of **twenty-four (24) pages** and reflects proceedings conducted from approximately **2:07 p.m. through 2:37 p.m.** on May 6, 2026.
3. The transcript was certified by the transcriber, Amanda Watson, on **August 10, 2026**, as a true, accurate, and complete transcript of the proceedings.
4. Appellant previously advised the Court that the transcript was being prepared. Appellant now files this Notice promptly upon receipt to advise the Court that the transcript is available and to preserve the status of the appellate record.
5. The transcript reflects that the May 6, 2026 proceeding addressed **two separate circuit court cases**. At the beginning of the proceeding, Appellant expressly advised the Circuit Court that the matters were "separated into two cases," and the Court thereafter addressed motions by their respective case numbers.
6. The transcript further reflects that defense counsel sought summary judgment in both cases and characterized the cases as intertwined because of their timeframe, circumstances, and parties. *Watson v. Creel Transcript 05-06-2026.pdf* Appellant respectfully notes this procedural history because the appellate docket presently reflects consolidation, while the underlying circuit court matters involved separate claims and issues.
7. Appellant further notes that the transcript contains matters potentially relevant to appellate review, including the Motion to Compel Discovery, the request for business and financial records, Respondent's Motion for Summary Judgment, and Appellant's argument that summary judgment should be denied or deferred because discovery remained incomplete.
8. Appellant submits this Notice for purposes of informing the Court of the transcript's completion and availability and preserving an accurate procedural record. No substantive ruling is requested through this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Watson, Jr.
Appellant, Pro Se
102 Magnolia Drive
Florence, South Carolina 29506

Date: August ¹¹/₁₁, 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Notice of Receipt and Availability of Transcript** was served upon counsel for Respondent by United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to:

William Joseph Edwards, Esquire
Finklea Law Firm
P.O. Box 1317

Florence, South Carolina 29503

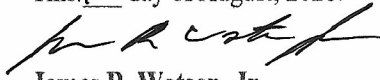
Charles Benny Holbrooks III, Esquire

Finklea, Hendrick & Blake, LLC

814 West Evans Street

Florence, South Carolina 29501

This th1 day of August, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Watson, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

James R. Watson, Jr.