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SC Court of Appeals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA	)	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
	)	FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF HORRY	)	CASE NUMBER 2015CP2602371
Raymond Edward Chestnut,	)	
	)	
Applicant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	ORDER DENYING APPLICANT'S
	)	MOTION TO MODIFY OR VACATE
State of South Carolina,	)	ORDER RESTRICTING FUTURE FILINGS ¹
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

Before the Court is the Applicant's motion to modify or vacate this Court's order filed 9/16/2016 imposing certain prerequisites to Applicant's future filings with the Horry County Clerk of Court. For the reasons set forth below, the Applicant's motion is denied.

By order dated 9/9/2016 and filed with the Horry County Clerk of Court on 9/16/2016 ("Court Order") the Court imposed certain prerequisites on the Applicant's ability to file future pleadings. These restrictions were imposed as a result of the Applicant's numerous and frivolous *pro se* filings. The Applicant's motion alleges that "[t]he present order broadly prohibits Applicant from filing 'any legal actions in any jurisdiction in South Carolina' unless specific conditions are met." However, contrary the Applicant's allegation, the Court Order does not restrict the filing of "any legal actions in any jurisdiction in South Carolina." The Court's order only restricts the filing of "any further PCR applications" with the Horry County Clerk of Court unless a filing fee is paid, the Applicant files an affidavit attesting that the action is not frivolous and the Chief Administrative Judge first reviews the application to insure that the action is not frivolous and

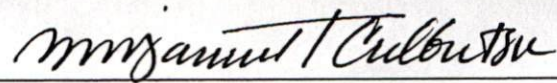
¹ This motion is decided on the contents of the Applicant's motion without oral arguments.

proper for the Court to consider.² Therefore, the Court finds that the Court Order filed 9/16/2016 does not bar the Applicant's access to the justice system but, rather, prohibits the Applicant's continued *pro se* filing of frivolous claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Applicant's Motion to Modify or Vacate Order Restricting Future Filings is DENIED.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.



Benjamin H. Culbertson, Presiding Judge

July 14, 2026
Georgetown, S.C.

² The Court acknowledges that the conclusion of the Court Order prohibits the filing of any legal action in any jurisdiction in South Carolina. However, a reading of the entire Court Order restricts the filing of PCR actions regarding Horry County convictions.