

IN THE COURT OF APPEALS  
Appellate Case No.: 2026-001685

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APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
Christopher D. Taylor, Circuit Court Judge

Case No.: 2024-CP-40-02236

Sammie Goodwin.....Appellant

v.

City of Columbia Police Department.....Respondent

**MOTION TO BE RELIEVED AS COUNSEL**

Now come J. Andrew Delaney and Maya Grace Slaughter of Williams & Williams, Attorneys at Law (collectively, “Counsel”), pursuant to Rules 240 and 264, SCACR, and respectfully move this Court for an Order relieving them as counsel for Appellant Sammie Goodwin.

Counsel submits that justifiable cause exists for withdrawal pursuant to Rule 264(b), SCACR. The grounds for withdrawal implicate confidential communications and matters protected by the attorney-client privilege and the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct. Accordingly, Counsel respectfully requests that, to the extent the Court requires additional information concerning the grounds for withdrawal, Counsel be permitted to provide such information in camera so as to protect Appellant’s privileged and confidential information.

Counsel have consulted with counsel for Respondent, who does not oppose this Motion.

Counsel have served Appellant with a copy of this Motion by regular and certified mail at his last known address and have advised him in writing of his right to object to the requested withdrawal and of the time provided by Rule 240(e), SCACR, for filing a return.

Appellant's last known mailing address is:

Sammie Goodwin  
1247 Whistle Top Rd.  
Gadsden, SC 29052

WHEREFORE, Counsel respectfully requests that this Court enter an Order relieving J. Andrew Delaney and Maya Grace Slaughter, and Williams & Williams, Attorneys at Law, as counsel for Appellant Sammie Goodwin, and grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of August 2026.

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I certify that I have served the Joint Motion to Be Relieved as Counsel dated August 20, 2026 on Sammie Goodwin by depositing a copy via USPS and certified mail, with tracking number 9589 0710 5270 3985 9123 34, on August 20, 2026 at the address below:

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Date: August 20, 2026  
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