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RE: Robert Warney v. S.C. State Ethics Commission v. Sumter County Clerk of Court of Common Pleas
Supreme Court Appeal No. 2026-[redacted] 001576

Dear Clerk of Court:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced appeal is the following:

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

Please file these documents with the court, I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

Robert Warney
Petitioner, Appellant, pro se

Encls.
cc: Counsel for Respondent

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

Appeal FROM S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Meghan WALKER MAYSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
S.C. STATE Ethics COMMISSION CASE NO. _____
Sup. Ct. APPELLATE CASE NO: 2026-001576

ROBERT WAZNEY, PETITIONER,

V.

S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, RESPONDENT,

V.

Sumter County Clerk of COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,
CO-RESPONDENT,

PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

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Certificate of Petitioner

Petitioner certifies that the petition for rehearing was made and finally ruled upon by court of Appeals on June 22, 2026

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

DID THE COURT OF APPEALS ERR IN HOLDING THAT NO MATERIAL FACT OR PRINCIPLE OF LAW HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED OR DISREGARDED?

AFFIDAVIT

COMES NOW, ROBERT WARDEN, who after being duly sworn deposes and says:

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

I, ROBERT WARDEN, WAS ACCUSED IN 2014 FOR COMITTING CRIMES FROM WHICH I WAS UNFAIRLY TRIED AND CONVICTED IN 2015. AN APPEAL FROM THAT CONVICTION WAS denied IN 2018. I Applied FOR post-conviction relief (PCR) IN 2018, HOWEVER, The SUMTER COUNTY clerk OF COURT FAILED TO PROCESS MY PCR. UPON MY Repeated REAPPLICATION OF the PCR the COUNTY-clerk Repeatedly FAILED TO PROCESS THE PCR. MY [redacted] Repeated REAPPLICATION AND COUNTY-clerk's Repeated FAILURE TO

PROCESS THOSE PCR APPLICATIONS CONTINUED FOR ABOUT EIGHT YEARS, I COMPLAINED TO MANY ABOUT THE ISSUE, INCLUDING A COMPLAINT TO THE S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. A COPY OF THAT COMPLAINT, MARKED EXHIBIT EC-1, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. EXHIBIT EC-1 WAS DISMISSED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND THERE WAS NO HEARING. A COPY OF THAT DISMISSAL, MARKED EXHIBIT EC-2, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO THE DISMISSAL, I AMENDED EXHIBIT EC-1. A COPY OF THAT AMENDMENT, MARKED EXHIBIT EC-3, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. ~~[illegible]~~ N.V.

~~[illegible]~~ N.V.

~~[illegible]~~. However, the Amendment, EXHIBIT EC-3 WENT REPEATEDLY UNANSWERED BY S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION. A copy of THOSE Requests, MARKED EXHIBIT EC-4, EXHIBIT EC-5, AND EXHIBIT EC-6, ARE ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, I then FILED A MANDAMUS AGAINST THE S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, A copy of THAT MANDAMUS, MARKED EXHIBIT EC-MANDAMUS, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, FOR ITS REPEATED FAILURE TO RESPOND TO EXHIBIT EC-3. The EXHIBIT EC-MANDAMUS WAS REFUSED. A copy OF THAT REFUSAL, MARKED EXHIBIT ECM-1/16, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

I APPEALED THE 'FINAL JUDGMENT', EXHIBIT ECM-1/16, AND SUBMITTED A BRIEF TO THE COURT OF APPEALS. A COPY OF THAT BRIEF, MARKED EXHIBIT ECA-BRIEF, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE. THE APPEAL WAS DISMISSED, A COPY OF THAT ORDER, MARKED EXHIBIT ECA-4-7, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, AND REHEARING WAS REQUESTED, A COPY OF THAT REQUEST, MARKED EXHIBIT ECA-REHEAR, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE, AND REHEARING WAS DENIED. A COPY OF THAT ORDER, MARKED EXHIBIT ECA-6-22, IS ATTACHED AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.

The South Carolina Court of Appeals was unable to discover that any material fact or principle of law has been overlooked or disregarded. J. Paula Thomas, J. Stephanie McDonald, J. [Illegible], (S.C. Ct. App. filed June 22, 2026). I seek a writ of certiorari/ ~~to~~ Review that decision.

ARGUMENT

THE COURT OF APPEALS SHOULD HAVE HELD TO COMPEL S.C. STATE ETHICS ~~[illegible]~~ COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO, AS required By LAW, REVIEW MY COMPLAINT AS AMENDED FOR SUFFICIENT FACTS OF WHETHER A VIOLATION OF ETHICS LAW HAS BEEN COMMITTED By SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT, AND SHOULD NOT HAVE PRETENDED THAT REQUIRED PAPERS WERE ABSENT.

ACCORDING TO THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 1991, MY COMPLAINT, [redacted] ALLEGING THAT A VIOLATION OF THE LAW HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, MAY BE AMENDED AT ANY TIME, PRIOR TO THE HEARING WITH PROPER NOTIFICATION TO ALL PARTIES INVOLVED; MY COMPLAINT MAY BE WITHDRAWN AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE HEARING; MY COMPLAINT MAY BE WITHDRAWN AFTER DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE ONLY AFTER APPROVAL OF FROM THE COMMISSION.

AFTER I PROPERLY ~~[illegible]~~ SERVED EXHIBIT EC-3, The SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETHICS COMMISSION NEVER MADE A DETERMINATION ON, OR PROVIDED NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF, EXHIBIT EC-3. I NEVER WITHDREW MY COMPLAINT, AND The SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ETICS COMMISSION NEVER WITHDREW MY COMPLAINT.

MY CLAIM AGAINST THE SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOES NOT CALL INTO QUESTION The VALIDITY OF my STATE COURT CONVICTION. NOR DOES MY CLAIM AGAINST The SOUTH CAROLINA STATE Ethics COMMISSION CALL INTO QUESTION The VALIDITY OF MY STATE COURT CONVICTION. HOWEVER,

IN Light of THE HABEAS CORPUS ACT, AND OF THE EXHAVSTION DOCTRINE, BOTH OF MY STATE CLAIMS ADDRESS The RESOLUTION OF WHEN AND HOW DEFAULTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH STATE PROCEDURAL RULES CAN PRECLUDE FEDERAL HABEAS COURT CONSIDERATION OF A FEDERAL QUESTION, AND WHICH FEDERAL QVESTION(S) MAY TURN ON THE NATVRE OF The Alleged DEFECTS AND The GRAVITY OF The HARM FROM WHICH RELIEF IS SOUGHT.

The S.C. ETHICS Commission EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR should HAVE REVIEWED MY COMPLAINT AS AMENDED FOR SUFFICIENT FACTS OF whether A VIOLATION OF ETHICS LAW HAS Been committed By SVMTER COVNTY clerk OF

COURT, AND NOTIFY BOTH PARTIES AS TO THAT DETERMINATION AS REQUIRED BY THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT OF 1991, THE S.C. COURT OF APPEALS SHOULD HAVE NOTICED THAT THE S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FAILED TO DO SO, AND SHOULD HAVE COMPELLED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO REVIEW MY CLAIM AS AMENDED AND NOTIFY BOTH PARTIES. INSTEAD, THE COURT OF APPEALS DISMISSED THE ACTION PRETENDING TO REQUIRE PAPERS WHICH WERE ALREADY IN IT'S POSSESSION. SEE EXHIBIT ECA-REHEAR, pp. 178-180.

CONCLUSION

FOR THE REASONS STATED, I ASK THE COURT TO GRANT THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI.

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

) VERIFICATION

COUNTY OF MARLBORO)

ROBERT WARNEY, FIRST BEING DULY SWORN, DEPOSES AND SAYS THAT HE HAS READ THE FOREGOING PETITION AND THAT THE SAME IS TRUE TO HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE, EXCEPT AS TO THOSE MATTERS ALLEGED THEREIN UPON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, AND AS TO THOSE MATTERS, HE BELIEVES THEM TO BE TRUE.

ROBERT WARNEY

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 14 DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

Sarah Quillo (L.S.)
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 2/28/34

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SERVED THE PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI

ON RESPONDENTS By DEPOSITING A COPY OF THE SAME IN THE U.S. MAIL, POSTAGE PREPAID, ON THIS DAY, ADDRESSED TO ALL RESPONDENTS ATTORNEY OF RECORD AT S.C. ATTORNEY GENERAL, PO BOX 11549, COLUMBIA, SC, 29211; AND TO SMITH ROBERTSON, 126 N. MAIN ST, SUMTER, SC, 29150; AND S.C COURT OF APPEALS, PO BOX [redacted], COLUMBIA, SC 29211.

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