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Dear Clerk of Court:

I am writing regarding my pending appeal, **In the Matter of Jason Boyle, Appellate Case No. 2024-001241**.

I am currently applying for professional employment, and several applications require me to answer whether I have ever been convicted of a crime or have a criminal record. I would like to be able to answer those questions accurately and, if necessary, have official documentation supporting my answer.

The procedural history of my case has made this unusually difficult. I was never arrested, charged, indicted, or prosecuted in a conventional criminal proceeding. The underlying contempt proceedings arose from a probate matter and were initiated and conducted as civil proceedings. My appeal was likewise originally filed from that civil/probate proceeding. During the appellate process, however, the contempt was classified as criminal contempt, and the State of South Carolina was substituted as the respondent. I therefore now have what is being treated as a criminal contempt appeal pending before the Court of Appeals, despite never having been criminally prosecuted in the ordinary sense.

I had hoped to wait until the Court of Appeals issued its final decision before attempting to apply for ambitious professional opportunities. Unfortunately, the situation has become somewhat urgent because it is directly affecting my ability to complete employment applications and accurately represent my background to prospective employers.

I am therefore respectfully requesting clarification of what the official court record presently reflects. Specifically, if the Clerk's Office is able to provide this information, I would appreciate confirmation of the following:

1. Whether the record reflects that I have a **criminal conviction and/or criminal record**.
2. Whether the contempt finding has been reported by the court to SLED or any other criminal-history repository as a criminal conviction.
3. Whether the Clerk's Office can provide any certified record, docket entry, disposition, or other documentation accurately describing the present status and classification of the matter that I can use if I am questioned regarding the criminal nature of the case.

At present, I would like to be able to truthfully state that I do not have a criminal record and that I have never been criminally prosecuted, tried, or convicted of a crime. Before making that representation, however, I would greatly appreciate any clarification or documentation the Clerk's Office can provide regarding the official status and classification of the record.

Thank you for your assistance and for your attention to this somewhat unusual situation.

Respectfully,

Jason Michael Boyle, PhD

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