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September 9, 2026

The Honorable Patricia A. Howard, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of South Carolina
1231 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Gloria Ormand-Ward, by and through her Guardian and Conservator, CDM
Corporation, Through its Representative, Stephen Mantell v. Chicago Title
Insurance Company
Appellate Case No. 2026-000863

Dear Ms. Howard:

I am writing to respectfully notify the Court of my temporary unavailability in connection with the above-referenced matter. A Petition for Writ of Certiorari in this case was filed on April 20, 2026 and currently awaits the Court's decision. Please be advised that I will be out of the office from September 19-27, 2026, during which time I will be on a cruise ship in Alaska, and the associated air travel to and from Alaska. Throughout this period, I will have severely limited or no access to telephone communications, mail, cellular networks, or internet/email services.

Because certain critical procedural deadlines may begin to run immediately upon the disposition of the Petition, I respectfully request that the Court note my absence during these dates and grant reasonable consideration or leniency regarding any deadlines or requirements that may arise during this timeframe.

Should the Office of the Clerk or the Court require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact my office prior to September 19.

Thank you for your time, assistance, and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Denny P. Major, Esquire