

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

---

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Thomas W. McGee III, Circuit Court Judge

---

Trial Court Case No. 2023-CP-40-01850  
Appellate Case No. 2025-002437

---

RECEIVED

Sep 16 2026

SC Court of Appeals

SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC INTEREST FOUNDATION and JOHN SLOAN,  
individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated..... Appellants,

v.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION and MARK KEEL,  
in his official capacity as Chief of the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division  
..... Respondents,

---

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

---

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that the Appellants served a copy of the **final briefs** to  
opposing counsel by email on September 16, 2026, addressed as follows:

[melissa.segear@smithrobinsonlaw.com](mailto:melissa.segear@smithrobinsonlaw.com) ;  
[fred.hanna@smithrobinsonlaw.com](mailto:fred.hanna@smithrobinsonlaw.com);  
[murrell@smithrobinsonlaw.com](mailto:murrell@smithrobinsonlaw.com);  
[pahearn@sled.sc.gov](mailto:pahearn@sled.sc.gov);  
[daniel.plyler@smithrobinsonlaw.com](mailto:daniel.plyler@smithrobinsonlaw.com);  
[austin.reed@smithrobinsonlaw.com](mailto:austin.reed@smithrobinsonlaw.com);  
[awhitsett@sled.sc.gov](mailto:awhitsett@sled.sc.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James G. Carpenter

S.C. Bar No. 1136

The Carpenter Law Firm, P.C

819 East North Street

Greenville, SC 29601

(864) 235-1269

james.carpenter@carpenterlawfirm.net