

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Appellate Case No. 2026-001200

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S.C. SUPREME COURT

Regina Ford,
Petitioner,

v.

Zack Alleyne,
Respondent.

MOTION FOR RELIEF FROM RULE 242 FILING FEE

Petitioner Regina Ford respectfully moves under Rule 240(d), SCACR, for extraordinary relief from the filing fee required by Rule 242(c), SCACR, and asks the Court to accept the accompanying Petition for Writ of Certiorari as timely filed while this motion is considered.

GROUND

1. Rule 242(c), SCACR, requires a filing fee for a civil petition for writ of certiorari, and the current filing fee is \$250.
2. Rule 240(d), SCACR, provides that in extraordinary cases an appellate court may relieve a party from paying a filing fee.
3. Petitioner is self-represented and previously advised the Court of Appeals that she lacked the present financial ability to pay the appellate filing fee.
4. The appellate record reflects repeated efforts by Petitioner to obtain fee relief and continue the appeal, including extension requests, a motion to reinstate, and requests to proceed in forma pauperis or waive costs.
5. The Court of Appeals dismissed the prior appeal before merits review when the filing fee was not paid. Petitioner continued attempting to prosecute the appeal and timely sought rehearing or reinstatement.
6. The Court of Appeals denied rehearing on August 18, 2026. Petitioner is filing the Rule 242 petition on September 17, 2026.
7. Requiring immediate payment of the Rule 242 fee would recreate the same financial barrier that prevented merits review below. Petitioner therefore requests extraordinary relief under Rule 240(d).
8. In the alternative, if the Court denies waiver, Petitioner requests that the petition remain filed as of September 17, 2026 and that she be allowed the period permitted or directed by the Court to submit the required fee.

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

I, Regina Ford, state that the financial hardship described in my prior appellate fee filings continues and that I do not presently have the financial ability to pay the \$250 Rule 242 filing fee without substantial hardship. I understand that the Court may require additional financial information, documentation, or a sworn affidavit.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Petitioner respectfully asks the Court to waive the Rule 242 filing fee or otherwise relieve her from immediate payment. In the alternative, Petitioner asks the Court to preserve the September 17, 2026 filing date of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and allow payment within the time directed by the Clerk or Court if fee relief is denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Ford

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CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION AND NOTICE REGARDING SERVICE

I certify that on September 17, 2026, I transmitted a true and correct copy of this Motion for Relief From Rule 242 Filing Fee by e-mail to Respondent Zack Alleyne at the e-mail address used for him in prior appellate court correspondence, by copying him on the filing e-mail to the appellate court(s).

Regina Ford

Regina Ford
Self-Represented Petitioner