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The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, Circuit Court Judge

CASE NO. 2025-CP-33-00555

Chavis Watford ..... Appellant

vs.

Marion County..... ..... Respondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Appellant, Chavis Watford, appeals the Order filed August 13, 2026, and the subsequent Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration filed September 1, 2026 and received by Appellant on September 1, 2026.

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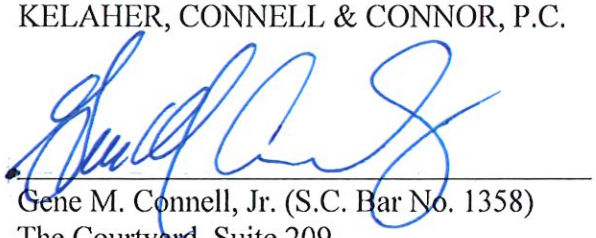

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PERSONALLY appeared before me, Shelia Y. McCumbee, who being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of Kelaher, Connell & Connor, P.C., and that she has served a copy of the **Notice of Appeal** on the 16th day of September 2026, via email using counsel's individual email address listed in the Attorney Information System (AIS), to:

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Counsel,

Attached please find Appellant's Notice of Appeal which we are filing this date in the captioned matter.

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Our File No. 2025-0212C

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Attached for filing is a Notice of Appeal in the above-captioned case. Also attached are the following:

- Proof of Service of the Notice of Appeal on the Respondent.
- A copy of the Orders which are to be challenged on appeal.

Our check for the $250.00 filing fee is being mailed this date.

By copy of this letter, we hereby serve counsel of record, with the Notice of Appeal.

Pursuant to SCACR 203, a copy of the Notice of Appeal is being filed with the Clerk of the lower court.

Sincerely yours,

Gene M. Connell, Jr.

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