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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE SUPREME COURT

APPEAL FROM S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

MEGHAN WALKER DAYSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION CASE NO. _____

APPELLATE CASE NO: 2026 - 001576

ROBERT WAZNEY, PETITIONER,

V.

S.C. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, RESPONDENT,

V.

SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,

CO-RESPONDENT,

REPLY TO RETURN TO
PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

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FACTS

ON JANUARY 26, 2026, PETITIONER SERVED NOTICE OF APPEAL ON ALL PARTIES OF RECORD, THE AGENCY, AND THE ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT. Pet. at 178 (PROOF OF SERVICE).

ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026, PETITIONER SERVED THE AGENCY, ALL ~~PARTIES~~ PARTIES OF RECORD, AND THE ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT, WITH A COPY OF THE 1-26-26 PROOF OF SERVICE AND ORDER(S) CHALLENGED ON APPEAL, IN RESPONSE TO COURT OF APPEALS 2-20-26 DEFICIENCY LETTER.

ON MARCH 18, 2026, PETITIONER AGAIN SERVED THE AGENCY, ALL PARTIES OF RECORD, AND THE ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT, WITH A COPY OF THE 1-26-26 PROOF OF SERVICE AND ORDER(S) CHALLENGED ON APPEAL, Pet. at 177-180 (MARCH 18, 2026 LETTER),

AND IN RESPONSE TO COURT
OF APPEALS 3-9-26 deficiency
letter.

ON April 17, 2026, Petitioner
Filed a petition for rehearing,
Pet. at 168-181 (Exhibit ECA-Relieve),
which AGAIN, included a copy of
the 1-26-26 proof of service
and copy of ORDER(s) on Appeal,
Pet. at 178-180, showing court of
appeals that petitioner served
these documents on the Agency,
all parties or records, and the
attorney on behalf of the
Respondent.

ON April 23, 2026, Attorneys
Smith + Robinson appeared in this
action, as more fully appears
from the attached notices of appearance,
on pp. 10 - 13 of this pleading, and
incorporated by reference.

ARGUMENT

I. COURT OF APPEALS ERRONEOUSLY
DISMISSED PETITIONER'S APPEAL

PETITIONER DENIES RESPONDENT'S
ALLEGATIONS THAT PETITIONER DID
NOT COMPLY WITH RULE 203 SCACR:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH, RAO AS
REQUIRED BY, RULE 203 SCACR, PETITIONER
SERVED THE AGENCY, ALL PARTIES OF
RECORD, AND THE ATTORNEY ON BEHALF
OF THE RESPONDENT, AND THE COURT
OF APPEALS, WITH A COPY OF THE
1-26-26 PROOF OF SERVICE AND COPY
OF ORDER(S) ON APPEAL ON 2-25-26
AND ON 3-18-26 WHEN PETITIONER
RESPONDED TO COURT OF APPEALS
DEFICIENCY LETTERS. THEREFORE, PETITIONER
IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 203
SCACR BECAUSE HE SERVED COURT OF
APPEALS, THE AGENCY, ALL PARTIES OF
RECORD, AND THE ATTORNEY ON BEHALF
OF THE RESPONDENT WITH COPY OF

his 1-26-26 proof of service
and copy of order(s) on appeal.

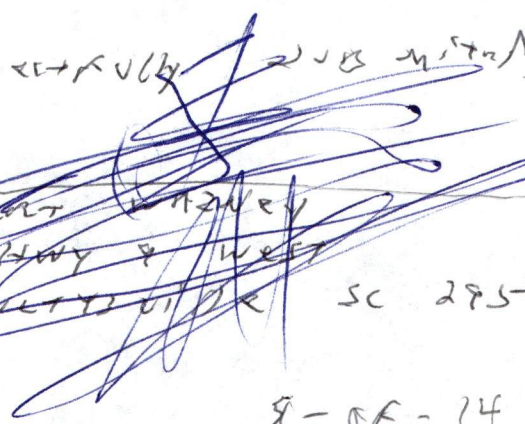
It should be noted that
the 1-26-26 proof of service
clearly indicates that the S.C.
Attorney General was properly
served as the attorney on behalf
of the respondent at the time of
the deficiencies, pursuant to
S.C. Code 1-7-40 and 1-7-50 (Attorney
General has statutory duty to
defend public officers when
prosecuted criminally or civilly),
and that Smith + Robinson did
not appear in this action until
April 23, 2026, after the petition
for rehearing.

Therefore, based on the court's
record, petitioner has not failed
to provide a proof of service
for the notice on appeal stating

the attorney that was served
on behalf of the respondent
and a copy of the order(s)
challenged on appeal, as required
by rule 203 of the South
Carolina Appellate Court Rules
and the Court on Appellate's
letters dated 2-20-26, and
3-9-26. Accordingly, the ~~appeal~~ ^{APPEAL} should
NOT HAVE been dismissed, and
Respondent's argument should
FAIL.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth
in the petitioners brief
and in this reply brief, this
court should GRANT the petition
for a writ of certiorari,

Respectfully,


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