

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM RICHLAND COUNTY
Court of Common Pleas

The Honorable Daniel Coble,
Circuit Judge

Case Number 2025-CP-40-07916
Appellate Case No. 2026-001516

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Eric William Ruschky,.....Appellant,

v.

The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia and Catawba Presbytery of the
General Synod of the Associate Presbyterian Church, Defendants.

of which The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia is theRespondent.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this date, the **APPELLANT'S INITIAL BRIEF AND DESIGNATION OF MATTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RECORD ON APPEAL** was served on Respondent's counsel via email and by depositing a copy of it in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to opposing counsel of record, as follows:

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I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served.

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Re: Eric William Ruschky v. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbia
Appellate Case No. 2026-001516
Our File No. 19559.001

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed herewith please find Appellant's Initial Brief and Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal, together with the Proof of Service, in the above-referenced matter. Kindly file the same and return a clocked-in copy to the undersigned via return email.

The enclosed documents have been served upon Respondent's and Defendants' counsel today via email and first-class mail as indicated in the Proof of Service.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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s/ Louis H. Lang

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