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August 14, 2026

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Michael T. Braxton
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Legal Mail

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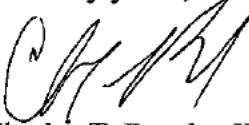
RE: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Michael Todd Braxton
Case No. 2020-CP-04-01330

Dear Mr. Braxton,

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 10, 2026; regarding the filing of an appeal in your case. Enclosed you will find an invoice reflecting the fees currently outstanding. This invoice was previously sent to your mother via email.

These fees must be paid in full before I can assist you with the appeal process. If you do not wish for me to continue representing you in your appeal, please sign the enclosed Affidavit to be relieved as counsel.

Sincerely yours,



Charles T. Brooks, III

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Enclosure

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INVOICE

309 BROAD ST
SUMTER, South Carolina 29150

Invoice # 825
Date: 07/28/2026
Due On: 08/27/2026

Michael Todd Braxton

01289-Braxton

State v. Michael Braxton 2020-CP-01-330

Type	Date	Notes	Quantity	Rate	Total
Service	08/19/2025	Prepare Petition for Release	0.50	\$75.00	\$37.50
Service	09/16/2025	telephone conference: spoke w/ AG	0.12	\$400.00	\$48.00
Service	09/17/2025	Prepare Transport Order	0.18	\$75.00	\$13.50
Service	10/31/2025	telephone conference: spoke w/ client	0.44	\$400.00	\$176.00
Service	11/03/2025	send report	0.17	\$75.00	\$12.75
Service	04/07/2026	telephone conference: spoke w/ mother/Bettie Scott	0.16	\$400.00	\$64.00
Service	04/17/2026	telephone conference: spoke w/ client	0.55	\$400.00	\$220.00
Service	05/20/2026	Research and/or Review: Case Law Research for Client's Pro Se prepared MTD	1.08	\$75.00	\$81.00
Service	05/20/2026	Research and/or Review: reviewed requested filing and case citations	3.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Service	05/26/2026	Letter to Client	0.15	\$75.00	\$11.25
Service	06/09/2026	make changes/corrections	0.09	\$75.00	\$6.75
Service	06/09/2026	Interrogatory Responses	0.56	\$75.00	\$42.00
Service	06/11/2026	Research and/or Review: read client letter and researched statute	0.50	\$400.00	\$200.00
Service	06/18/2026	Letter to Client (w/ Statute Research)	0.35	\$75.00	\$26.25
Service	06/23/2026	Send Return and filed Motion to Client	0.19	\$75.00	\$14.25
Service	07/10/2026	Research and/or Review: complete subpoena for hearing 7/20/26 - email to Doctor and AG office - letter with subpoena to both	1.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Service	07/13/2026	prepare Order to Transport	0.24	\$75.00	\$18.00

Service	07/13/2026	DRAFT letter to Judge (not sent)	0.09	\$75.00	\$6.75
Service	07/13/2026	review draft letter O.A.	0.11	\$75.00	\$8.25
Service	07/13/2026	Research and/or Review: researched juror list in preparation for jury selection	3.00	\$400.00	\$1,200.00
Service	07/15/2026	telephone conference: spoke w/ client	0.60	\$400.00	\$240.00
Service	07/20/2026	Hearing: travel to and from trial	9.50	\$400.00	\$3,800.00
Service	07/20/2026	Research and/or Review: preparation for questioning witnesses	2.00	\$400.00	\$800.00
Service	07/21/2026	Hearing: travel to and from and trial	12.00	\$400.00	\$4,800.00
Service	07/21/2026	Research and/or Review: prep questions for client/closing	1.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Service	07/22/2026	Hearing: travel to and from; trial	10.00	\$400.00	\$4,000.00
Service	07/27/2026	Research and/or Review: drafted letter to client	0.25	\$400.00	\$100.00
				Total	\$17,601.25
				Payment (08/15/2025)	-\$7,500.00
				Balance Owing	\$10,101.25

Detailed Statement of Account

Current Invoice

Invoice Number	Due On	Amount Due	Payments Received	Balance Due
825	08/27/2026	\$17,601.25	\$7,500.00	\$10,101.25
Outstanding Balance				\$10,101.25
Total Amount Outstanding				\$10,101.25

Please make all amounts payable to: Brooks Law Office

Please pay within 30 days.

FFEE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

The Brooks Law Offices, LLC
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I, **Bettie Scott f/b/o Michael Todd Braxton**, hereby retain the services of The Brooks Law Offices, LLC for the purposes of representing me in **The State of S.C. vs. Michael Todd Braxton, Anderson County Court of Common Pleas, Case No: 2020-CP-01-330**. I specifically acknowledge and grant unto The Brooks Law Offices, LLC the right to pursue any action deemed appropriate in the pursuit of a favorable outcome in pursuit of this matter. I agree to allow The Brooks Law Offices, LLC the right to manage this matter as it deems in my best interests. The Brooks Law Offices, LLC agrees to use its best efforts and judgment to vigorously pursue a favorable outcome for my case.

I understand and agree that The Brooks Law Offices, LLC may utilize the services of other attorneys in its employment in the pursuit of my case. I understand and agree that The Brooks Law Offices, LLC may associate other attorneys from outside The Brooks Law Offices, LLC in the pursuit of this matter if it deems such an association would be in my best interests. I understand and agree that I will not be charged an additional fee for the use of the outside attorneys: that such expenses shall be borne by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC from the fee agreed herein.

I understand and agree that The Brooks Law Offices, LLC may employ expert witnesses on my behalf in furtherance of the pursuit of this matter. I understand and agree to reimburse The Brooks Law Offices, LLC for the costs associated with employing or consulting such expert witnesses over and above the attorney's fees agreed to herein. I further understand and agree that I shall reimburse The Brooks Law Offices, LLC for all incidental administrative costs associated with the pursuit of my case.

I understand and agree that The Brooks Law Offices, LLC shall be compensated for its services in the greater of the amount calculated according to the following formula:

The sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars deposited with Charles T. Brooks, III as a flat retainer and as a minimum fee.

I understand and agree to cooperate with all reasonable requests from The Brooks Law Offices, LLC for information, documentation, and any other reasonable requests relating to my legal matter. I understand and agree that The Brooks Law Offices, LLC is obligated to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding my legal case and I specifically agree to allow The Brooks Law Offices, LLC to contact any person who may have knowledge concerning my case. I understand and agree that if I fail to cooperate with The Brooks Law Offices, LLC it may, upon reasonable notice, apply to be relieved as counsel of record in my case. I understand and agree that The Brooks Law

Offices, LLC may bill my retainer for the amount of work and costs invested by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC at the time its representation terminates at a rate of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per hour for attorney's time, staff time and the actual costs incurred at that time on my behalf. Furthermore, we also bill seventy-five (\$75.00) per hour for paralegal time and support staff.

This Retainer will NOT be held in Trust. You may be entitled to a refund of any unearned portion if you terminate our services which you have the right to do. The retainer is ADVANCED. _____(Initial Here)

I understand and agree that I have the right to terminate the representation of The Brooks Law Offices, LLC in my case at any time and for any or no reason whatsoever. In the event of such termination of representation The Brooks Law Offices, LLC agrees to promptly transmit the material contained in my file to me, upon my signing of a termination of representation statement. My retainer fee shall be reduced for the amount of time and costs invested in my case by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC at a rate of Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars per hour for attorney's time, staff time and all costs incurred to that point on my behalf.

I understand and agree that this contract for legal services only covers this litigation through the initial trial, verdict and/or sentence. If there is an appeal undertaken in this case, a new fee agreement must be negotiated. I understand and agree that the outcome of litigation is uncertain and I have not been promised any particular outcome or result by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC as an inducement to retain The Brooks Law Offices, LLC.

This agreement for legal services has been fully explained to me and, by my signature, I represent that I fully and completely understand the terms of the representation provided to me by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC.

CLIENT

DATE

Person making payments on client's behalf:

Signature

Printed Name: _____

Contact Phone Number; _____

Accepted by The Brooks Law Offices, LLC:

ATTORNEY

DATE

"ANY DISPUTE CONCERNING THE FEE DUE PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE DISSATISFIED PARTY FOR A FULL, FINAL RESOLUTION TO [THE BOARD], PURSUANT TO RULE 416 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPELLATE COURT RULES."

CLIENT SIGNATURE

~~A lawyer may charge an advance fee, which may be paid in whole or in part in advance~~
of the lawyer providing those services, and treat the fee as immediately earned if the
lawyer and client agree in advance in a written fee agreement which notifies the client:

- (1) of the nature of the fee arrangement and the scope of the services to be provided;
- (2) of the total amount of the fee and the terms of payment;
- (3) that the fee will not be held in a trust account until earned;
- (4) that the client has the right to terminate the lawyer-client relationship and discharge the lawyer; and
- (5) that the client may be entitled to a refund of all or a portion of the fee if the agreed-upon legal services are not provided.

I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE INFORMATION:

CLIENT SIGNATURE

DATE: _____

Payment Arrangements are as follow;

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M. ~~Michael~~ T. BRANTON
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