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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

APPEAL FROM OCONEE COUNTY
THE HONORABLE R. SCOTT SPROUSE, CIRCUIT JUDGE

Case No. 2025-GC-37-00017
(Case No. 2026-CP-37-00128 on appeal to Common Pleas)

IN THE MATTER OF:
Jeanette Wilbanks Sanders,
(Alleged Incapacitated Individual)

Carol Johnson Law Firm. P.A.,Appellant,
v.

John Wilbanks, Jeanette Wilbanks Sanders
And Steve Holbrooks, Defendants,

Of which John Wilbanks is theRespondent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Pursuant to Rule 203(b)(1), SCACR, Appellant Carol Johnson Law Firm. P.A (hereafter
“Appellant”) appeals from the trial court’s order as follows, a copy of which is attached hereto and
incorporated by reference:

- (1) Order Denying Attorney’s Fees and Costs to Appellant against Respondent John
Wilbanks dated September 9, 2026 that was received by Appellant on September 9,
2026.

A motion for reconsideration was filed and emailed to Judge Sprouse on September 14,
2026. No ruling has yet been received to date.

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Respectfully submitted,

s/ Desa Ballard

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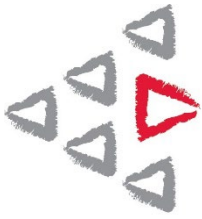
I, Beth Cogan, an employee with the Law Offices of Desa Ballard, do hereby certify that on October 8, 2026, I served a copy of the **Notice of Appeal**, in the above-captioned case on the following individuals by United States Mail, with sufficient first-class postage affixed, addressed as follows:

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Beth Cogan, Paralegal

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Via Email (ctappfilings@sccourts.org)
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Re: *In the matter of Jeanette Wilbanks Sanders*
Carol Johnson Law Firm, P.A. v. John Wilbanks
Case No.: 2026-CP-37-00128

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Enclosed for filing, please find a Notice of Appeal and Proof of Service for the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to paragraph (3)(c) of the Supreme Court's amended administrative order dated May 6, 2022 ("Methods of Electronic Filing and Service Under Rule 262 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules" originally dated August 25, 2021) a check for the filing fee is being forwarded separately via US mail.

Our office is already in possession of the January 28-30, 2026 transcript. According to our calculations, the Initial Brief of Appellant and Designation of matter will therefore be due on Monday, November 9, 2026. If I am mistaken as to that deadline date, please inform my office as soon as possible.

By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Proof of Service, this filing has been served upon counsel for the Respondent and is being filed with the Trial Court. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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John Wilbanks
Carol Johnson Law Firm, P.A.