

RECEIVED

Oct 13 2026

S.C. SUPREME COURT

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Enid A. Garcia, Respondent

v.

Reggie Jones, Petitioner

Court of Appeals No. 2026-000716

Circuit Court No. 2025-CP-36-00238

Newberry County

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS AND FOR WAIVER OF APPLICABLE FILING FEES

Petitioner Reggie Jones, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court for leave to proceed in forma pauperis in connection with his petition for writ of certiorari seeking review of the Court of Appeals' September 14, 2026 order denying reinstatement of his appeal. He requests waiver of any filing fee that the Court has authority to waive. In support, Petitioner states:

1. Petitioner is presently unemployed and has no wages from employment. He previously worked in maintenance and janitorial positions, including at McDonald's in Newberry, the local school district, a Samsung plant, and for a company providing industrial cleaning services. He left plant employment for medical reasons.
2. Petitioner experienced a stroke and reports continuing cognitive and physical limitations that interfere with following instructions, lifting, and maintaining consistent employment. He has not been cleared or permitted to return to certain work and has had difficulty obtaining and sustaining work suited to his current abilities.
3. Petitioner previously operated a business in his community for approximately seventeen years. That history does not represent current income or presently available business assets.
4. Petitioner has resided for approximately twelve years in the home that is the subject of the foreclosure dispute. He claims an interest in that property, which he is attempting to protect through appellate review. Apart from that disputed property interest, he reports no real estate or other substantial assets; his only vehicle is a moped.
5. Petitioner has no significant bank account balances. He no longer receives unemployment benefits and is pursuing an application for disability benefits, which are not presently received. His financial affidavit provides further details of current resources, expenses, and obligations.
- 5A. Petitioner previously used his unemployment benefits for essential expenses, including electricity, other utilities, telephone service, moped fuel, and insurance. Those benefits have ended. He currently relies on local food pantries for food. His financial hardship also required him to surrender his dog because he could no longer afford its care. These circumstances demonstrate his limited ability to meet basic needs, much less prepay court filing fees.
6. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court determine whether a fee waiver is authorized in this matter and, if it is, grant leave to proceed without prepayment of the applicable filing fee. Alternatively, Petitioner requests notice of any deficiency and an opportunity to comply with any fee requirement the Court determines applies.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests an order granting leave to proceed in forma pauperis to the extent authorized by law, waiving the applicable filing fee, and granting such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Reggie Jones, Petitioner, pro se

Mailing address: 403 Floyd St. Newberry SC 29108

Telephone: (803) 537-1012

Email (if any): paige4Newberry@gmail.com

Reggie

File 10/13/26