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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

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

I, Reggie Jones, being duly sworn, state that the information below is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I request consideration of my present financial ability to pay filing fees.

1. Employment status: Unemployed. Last date worked: March 27 2026
2. Current monthly employment wages: \$0 (correct if circumstances have changed).
3. Other monthly income: No unemployment benefits currently received. Disability benefits application in progress; no disability payments currently received. Other income or assistance, if any (source and amount):
N/A

4. Total monthly household income: \$ 0 Number of persons supported: Myself
5. Cash on hand: \$ 3.00 Checking/savings balances: \$ 50.00 (reported as not significant; enter actual amounts).

6. Assets: Claimed interest in residence occupied approximately 12 years (subject to foreclosure dispute); only vehicle is a moped. Estimated property and moped values, outstanding liens, and any other assets:
moped approx valued 1,000

7. Monthly expenses: housing \$ 0; utilities \$ 175.00; food \$ Pantry; transportation \$ 10/month
medical \$ 0; insurance \$ 0; debt payments \$ 0; other \$ 0. Don't smoke,
Don't drink,
Don't do any drugs

8. Debts or past-due obligations not listed above:
None

9. Financial assistance received from others, if any: None at the moment

10. Explanation of inability to pay filing fees: I am currently unemployed following a stroke, no longer receive unemployment benefits, and have applied or am applying for disability benefits. I have limited cash resources and need available funds for essential living expenses. Additional explanation:
I am 53 years old with no real computer or technology skills.

11. Additional hardship: My former unemployment benefits were used for basic expenses, including electricity, utilities, telephone service, fuel for my moped, and insurance. I no longer receive those benefits. I obtain food from local food pantries. Because I could no longer afford proper care, I had to surrender my dog. I do not have substantial funds available to pay court fees without sacrificing necessities.

I affirm that I am unable to prepay the requested filing fee without substantial hardship. I understand that the Court will decide whether a waiver is legally available and appropriate. I can send medical records
or unemployment termination
or any other proof including
bank statements if needed.

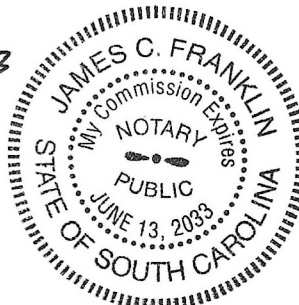
Reggie Jones, Affiant

Date: 10/03/2026

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of OCTOBER, 2026.

Notary Public for South Carolina

My commission expires: 13 JUNE 2033



Date: Oct. 13. 2026

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on Oct. 14. 2026 I served a true copy of this Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis and accompanying financial affidavit upon counsel for Respondent by the following method:

Hand Delivery

Counsel's name and service address:

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Robert Lake IV

Reggie Jones

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