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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: $ Ø 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 value $1,000
7. Monthly expenses: housing $ Ø; utilities $ 175.00; food $ Pantry Ø; transportation $ 10/month medical $ Ø; insurance $ Ø; debt payments $ Ø; other $ Ø. Dont Smoke, Dont Drink Dont 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

Reggie Jones, Affiant
Date: 10/12/26

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

Notary Public for South Carolina
My commission expires: 13 June 2033

JAMES C. FRANKLIN
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
My Commission Expires JUNE 13, 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: Lake + Lake Attorneys
1325 main street, Newberry SC 29108
Robert Lake IV

Reggie Jones

Reggie J Jones 10/13/26