

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF APPEALS**

Bank of America, N.A., Respondent, v. Fred A. Bethea, Appellant
Appellate Case No. 2026-001538 | Trial Case No. 2024-CP-21-01600

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MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO ORDER TRANSCRIPT OUTSIDE RULE 207 DEADLINE

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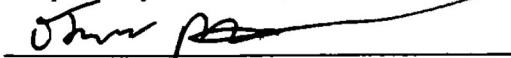
Appellant Fred A. Bethea, appearing pro se, respectfully moves this Court under Rules 207 and 240, SCACR, for permission to order the transcript outside the original Rule 207 deadline, and for such additional time as necessary to make satisfactory payment arrangements with the court reporter. In support, Appellant states:

1. This appeal arises from Florence County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 2024-CP-21-01600. The hearing relevant to the appeal occurred May 4, 2026, before the Honorable George M. McFaddin Jr.
2. Appellant filed a notice of appeal on July 6, 2026. Appellant did not request the hearing transcript within ten days after service of the notice of appeal.
3. Appellant is self-represented and this is his first appeal. He did not understand that the transcript had to be separately ordered within the Rule 207 deadline. This omission was inadvertent, not an effort to delay or abandon the appeal.
4. After receiving the Court's October 5, 2026 notice concerning the transcript, Appellant identified the reporter as Haley E. Emery and, on October 13, 2026, emailed a request for the complete May 4, 2026 hearing transcript using SCCA Form 800, copying the Office of Court Administration, the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and counsel for Respondent.
5. A copy of the transcript request form is attached as Exhibit A, and a copy of the sent request email showing recipients and date should be attached as Exhibit B. Appellant will respond promptly to the reporter regarding the transcript estimate and payment arrangements.
6. Appellant respectfully asks that the Court permit the late transcript order, accept this response to its October 5 notice, and allow the appeal to proceed.

MEMORANDUM OF AUTHORITIES

Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, requires a common pleas appellant to order the transcript within ten days after service of the notice of appeal and to furnish transcript correspondence to all parties, Court Administration, and the appellate clerk. Rule 240, SCACR, governs motions before the appellate court, including the requirements for supporting documentation, a memorandum of authorities, and a certificate of service. Appellant requests discretionary relief based on the circumstances described above. This motion does not itself stay other applicable deadlines.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: October 13, 2026

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION

I, Fred A. Bethea, being first duly sworn, state based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am the Appellant in this case and represent myself. This is my first appeal.
2. I did not know I was required to separately order the hearing transcript within ten days after service of the notice of appeal. I did not intend to delay or abandon my appeal.
3. After the Court notified me of the missing transcript request, I contacted the trial court, identified Haley E. Emery as the reporter, and emailed the transcript request on October 13, 2026 for the May 4, 2026 hearing.
4. I believe the foregoing statements to be true and correct.

Fred A. Bethea Date: 10/13/26
Fred A. Bethea

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

Claudio Lanza

Notary Public for South Carolina

CLAUDIO LANZA
Notary Public, State of South Carolina
My Commission Expires 03/29/2034

My commission expires: March 29, 2034

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

METHOD OF SERVICE: USPS CERTIFIED MAIL

I certify that on October 13, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of Appellant's Motion for Permission to Order Transcript Outside the Rule 207 Deadline, together with its supporting documents and exhibits, upon counsel for Respondent by depositing the documents in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, via USPS Certified Mail, addressed as follows:

Lloyd & McDaniel, PLC

Attn: Adam S. Tesh and Joseph Ernest Brown

233 N. Main St., Suite 7

Greenville, SC 29601

USPS Certified Mail Tracking Number: 9589071052703835833482



Fred A. Bethea

Appellant, Pro Se

Date: 10/13/26

EXHIBIT A — TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Attach the completed SCCA Form 800 requesting the entire May 4, 2026 hearing transcript. Do not replace the actual form with this cover sheet.



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JUDICIAL BRANCH**

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM

Pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules, the transcribed paper copy is the official record of court proceedings. You may request a transcript by completing this form and emailing it to the Court Reporter/Transcriptionist and to South Carolina Court Administration at transcripts@sccourts.org. If WebEx or DCRP were used to capture the record, please indicate below and send the form to transcripts@sccourts.org.

Requestor's Information			
Full Name Fred A. Bethea		Law Firm/Agency Pro Se Appellant	Phone Number (843) 495-3363
Email Address betheaf@gmail.com		Mailing Address 3049 Red Berry Circle, Effingham, SC 29541	
Is the requestor a party in the case? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
If no, does the requestor represent a party? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, name of party			
Transcript Information			
Docket Number 2024-CP-21-01600	Full Case Caption (i.e. State v. John Doe or John Smith v. Jane Smith) Bank of America, N.A. v. Fred A. Bethea		Circuit ☒ Family ☐
Date(s) of Proceeding 05/04/2026	County Florence	Appeal pending ☒ Yes ☐ No	Death Penalty ☐ Yes ☒ No
Presiding Judge Hon. George M. McFaddin Jr.		Special Circumstances Is the hearing to be transcribed one of the following: ☐ Termination of parental rights ☐ Adoption ☐ Any actions involving child custody/visitation.	
Opposing Counsel(s) (name and email address) J. Brown: jbrown@loydmc.com ; L. Tesh: ltesh@loydmc.com A. Tesh: atesh@loydmc.com			
Court Reporter(s) Haley E. Emery	☐ WebEx ☐ DCRP	Delivery Timeframe (check Rule 607 for current page rates) ☐ Quote ☐ Rough Draft 30 day delivery ☐ Overnight delivery ☐ Daily delivery ☐ Expedited delivery (7 days) Due on/before: ☒ Regular delivery (60 days)	
Portion of proceeding to be transcribed ☒ Entire hearing ☐ Voir dire by juror ☐ Jury selection ☐ Plaintiff's opening statement ☐ Defendant's opening statement ☐ Plaintiff's closing arguments ☐ Defendant's closing arguments ☐ Entire direct examination ☐ Entire cross examination ☐ Entire redirect ☐ Examination of witness (W) by attorney (A) W: _____ A: _____ ☐ Ruling of the court		Delivery Method (additional fees may apply) ☒ PDF / Email ☐ Hard Copy/Priority Mail (\$50 + shipping) ☐ PDF & Hard Copy/Priority Mail (\$50 + shipping)	
		Responsible Payor ☒ Private / Self ☐ Court Appointed Counsel Appeals Attorney Email ☐ Other	
Next Hearing Date			

Requestor's Signature: Fred A. Bethea

Date: 10/13/2026

(Typed name will serve as signature)

NOTE: Requests will be processed pursuant to Rule 207 and 607 of the SCACR. Rule 607(h) governs the fees for transcripts, which are not provided for free or at reduced rates to any party, regardless of indigent status. Please promptly submit your payment in the method of payment requested, in order for the transcript to be produced. In some cases, a deposit may be required before the transcript can be placed in the production queue. You may also request a quote before deciding to order. **If you need to cancel the transcript request for any reason, you are responsible for paying for the pages of the transcript that have already been completed at the time of the cancellation.**

If you are ordering a transcript pursuant to Rule 207(a)(1), SCACR, you must contemporaneously furnish all parties, the Office of Court Administration, and the clerk of the appellate court with copies of all correspondence with the court reporter or transcriptionist.

EXHIBIT B — SENT TRANSCRIPT REQUEST EMAIL

Attach a printout or PDF of the email sent October 13, 2026, showing the sent date, reporter, Court Administration, Court of Appeals, opposing counsel, and the SCCA Form 800 attachment. Include the actual sent email, not a draft.

Fred Bethea <betheaf@gmail.com>

to transcripts, hburnett, ctappfilings, jbrown, ltesh, atesh

Dear Ms. Emery and Court Administration:

I am requesting the complete transcript of the May 4,

This matter is pending before the South Carolina Court

Attached is my completed SCCA Form 800 requesting

I am also filing a motion requesting permission to orde

Please acknowledge receipt, confirm the assigned rep

Thank you.

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from: Fred Bethea <betheaf@gmail.com>

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