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Dear Ms. Shealy –

Thank you for your email. The following identifies the remaining parties and their designations in the federal action, followed by their counsel:

Party	**Federal-court designation**
Great American Insurance Company of New York	Intervening plaintiff and counterclaim defendant
Great American Alliance Insurance Company	Intervening plaintiff and counterclaim defendant
Great American Assurance Company	Intervening plaintiff and counterclaim defendant
Great American Insurance Company	Cross-defendant
Westport Insurance Corporation	Cross-defendant and cross-claimant
North American Specialty Insurance Company, now known as Swiss Re Corporate Solutions America Insurance Corporation	Cross-defendant and cross-claimant
J.M. Smith Corporation	Defendant, counterclaimant, cross-claimant, and cross-defendant

All the insurers identified above are represented by:

- Adam H. Fleischer and Joshua A. Boggioni, BatesCarey LLP; and
- Bradford William Cranshaw, Grier Cox and Cranshaw.

George Robert DeLoach III, whose name appears on the federal docket, no longer represents these parties.

J.M. Smith Corporation is represented by:

- John N. Ellison and Timothy P. Law, Reed Smith LLP; and
- Perry D. Boulier and Joshua Tate Thompson, Boulier Thompson and Barnes LLC.

For purposes of the "duty to defend" issue that is the subject of the proposed certified question, the Great American intervening plaintiffs and Westport have affirmative pleadings pending in the trial court seeking declarations that they owe no duty to defend J.M. Smith. By contrast, J.M. Smith's operative pleading seeks no ruling against the Great American entities

and Westport relative to the duty to defend. Instead, J.M. Smith's operative pleading sought a duty to defend only against two other insurers that have since been dismissed. Accordingly, our position is that the Great American intervening plaintiffs and Westport are plaintiffs relative to the issue that stands for potential certification to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Please let us know if any additional information would assist the Court.

Sincerely,

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Dear Counsel:

We have received a copy of the docket sheet in the above case and the designation of counsel is not completely clear. Could you please give me the breakdown of the attorneys' name and who they represent. Also, please advise if that entity is a plaintiff, defendant, etc., for purposes of this certified question with the Supreme Court.

Thank you,

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