

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In The Court of Appeals

APPEAL FROM GEORGETOWN COUNTY  
Court of Common Pleas

Benjamin H. Culbertson, Circuit Court Judge

**Case No. 2025-001787**

**JOSEPH N. GRATE,**

**APPELLANT**

**V.**

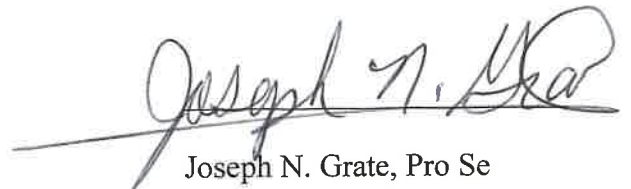
**MICHAEL T. BENSON,  
LINWOOD JESSE ROUSE,  
SAM SULLIVAN / SAMANTHA SULLIVAN,  
COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY,**

**RESPONDENTS**

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Appellant certifies that he served the Initial Brief and Designation of matters to be Included in the Record on Appeal, on Respondents via Certified United States Mail, on October 9, 2026; addressed to their Attorneys of Record: David A. Anderson, Carmen V. Ganjehsani, Richardson, Plowden and Robinson; P O. Box 7788, Columbia, S.C. 29202

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Greetings Judge Kitchings:

Please find enclosed for filing a Copy of Plaintiff's Initial Brief, including  
Designation of Matters to be included and Proof of Service, on Defendants, as  
follows:

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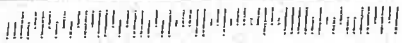
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