

RECEIVED

Oct 27 2026

SC Court of Appeals

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
In the Court of Appeals**

**Appeal from Administrative Law Court
The Honorable Robert L. Riebold, Administrative Law Judge**

Appellate Case No.: 2026-001360

Joshua A. Vargo

Appellant,

vs.

South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy,

Respondent,

PROOF OF SERVICE

I, James M. Fennell, certify that I have served the within Respondent's Final Brief by electronic delivery to:

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
ctappfilings@sccourts.org

And to:

C. Bradley Hutto
cbhutto@williamsattys.com

A bound copy will be placed in the US Mail to:

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, SC 29201

And

C. Bradley Hutto, Esquire
Attorney for Appellant
Williams and Williams Attorneys at Law
PO Box 1084
Orangeburg SC 29116

I further certify that all parties required by Rule to be served have been served and that all redactions required by Rule 41.2, SCRCR have been performed and this brief complies with Rule 211, SCACR.

This 27th day of October 2026.

/s/ James M. Fennell

James M. Fennell
General Counsel
Attorney for Respondent
South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
5400 Broad River Road
Columbia, South Carolina 29212
(803) 896-7722
jfennell@sccja.sc.gov



South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

October 27, 2026

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court
South Carolina Court of Appeals
ctappfilings@sccourts.org

RECEIVED

Oct 27 2026

SC Court of Appeals

Re: Appellate Case No.: 2026-001360
Joshua A. Vargo v. South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
Respondent's Final Brief

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

Pursuant to SCAC Rule 211 please find enclosed the original Respondent's Final Brief, Respondent's Designation of Matter to be included in the Record on Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (803) 896-7722.

Respectfully,

/s/ James M. Fennell

James M. Fennell
General Counsel
Attorney for Respondent

Cc: C. Bradley Hutto
cbhutto@williamsattys.com

Donald A. Wood
DAWood@sccja.sc.gov



An Accredited Law Enforcement Training Agency

5400 BROAD RIVER ROAD/COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29212-3540/ PHONE: (803) 896-7777/ FAX: (803) 896-7776