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Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse, Clerk  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Supreme Court Building  
P.O. Box 11330  
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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

RE: Howard Hammer v. Shirley Hammer, a/k/a Shirley Grace Hightower  
1634 Main, L.P. v. Shirley Hammer a/k/a Shirley Grace Hightower v. Howard Hammer  
Appellate No.: 2013-001634

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I, along with Susan Lipscomb and Art Aiken, represent the Appellants in the above-captioned matters that are scheduled for consolidated oral argument at 9:30 am next Thursday, March 6. The Court has allotted 15 minutes to the Appellants, 15 minutes to Respondent, and 5 minutes for Reply. Mr. Aiken and I will be arguing on behalf of the Appellants. Rather than divide our time among the two cases and the two Appellants, we propose to divide our time among the issues on appeal. If the Court will permit, I will argue issues relating to Abuse of Process, in both cases and on behalf of all Appellants. Mr. Aiken will argue issues relating to the Award of Sanctions. I would reserve approximately ten minutes for my arguments and Mr. Aiken would reserve approximately five minutes for his. We will share the Reply time as necessary in order to best reply to Respondent's arguments.

I would very much appreciate your advising us if for any reason this proposed allocation of argument time is not permissible.


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Sincerely,

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