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The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse
Clerk
South Carolina Supreme Court
P.O. Box 11330
Columbia, S.C. 29211

Re: Kenneth Simmons v. State of South Carolina
Appellate Case No. 2014-000387

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I am writing to notify the Court that I have recently spoken with Robert M. Dudek, Chief Appellate Defender, and I have agreed to provide *pro bono* representation to Kenneth Simmons, the Respondent/Petitioner in this matter. In accordance with Rule 206, SCACR, it is my understanding that the Attorney General's office is responsible for preparing the joint appendix, which is currently due on May 5, 2014. Based on this understanding, I am not requesting that Appellate Defense be associated for costs. My office will prepare the pleadings for Respondent/Petitioner in house.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Emily C. Paavola

cc: Robert M. Dudek
James M. Morton
Donald J. Zelenka