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March 19, 2014

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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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Re: **Frieda H. Dortch**, Appellant v. City of Columbia Planning and Development
Services/Zoning Division, Respondent
Appellate Case No. 2013-002686

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I write in response to your letter of March 17, 2014.

We did not fail to receive the transcript, and calendared the due date for our brief based on the date of receipt of the transcript. However, we received it late, on February 27, 2014. We accordingly calendared the due date for our brief as March 31, 2014.

I see now that a notice of extension was not received within 10 days of the transcript's original due date of February 14 and that although we did indeed receive it, we did not alert you that it was not received within the allotted time.

I apologize for this. I have looked back at my calendar and the weeks have gone by so fast, I was not sure when the ice and snow storms occurred that might have accounted for the court reporter's delay or the delay in delivery. I believe that the second round of ice was February 10-14, and I know I had other mail delayed substantially beyond that point. I have been out a number of times over several weeks with illness and doctor visits with a bug I have not been able to permanently shake, and just finished a third course of antibiotics. I have had staff absences during the same period. I am sorry that I did not alert the court to the tardiness of the transcript, and realize that is the only way you can manage your calendar.

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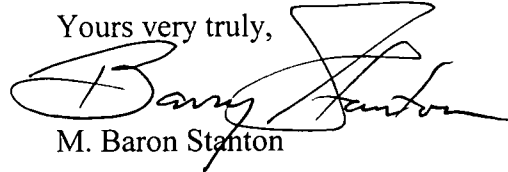
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I have calendared March 31, 2014 as the due date for our brief, based on when we got the transcript. Please let me know if we need to do anything else to update you or otherwise rectify the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Baron Stanton", written over a printed name.

M. Baron Stanton

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cc: Peter M. Balthazor, Esquire