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SC Court of Appeals

Re: **Riley, Laura v. Ford Motor Company**
Appellate Case No.: 2012-207489

Dear Ms. Allen:

Thank you for taking the time to speak to me this morning regarding my previous correspondence of April 25, 2014. I am writing to confirm our conversation.

The Court of Appeals' original panel denied our Petition for Rehearing on April 3, 2014, but our Suggestion for Rehearing *En Banc* has not yet been acted upon. This will confirm that until the ruling on rehearing *en banc*, the petition before the Court of Appeals has not been "finally decided by the Court of Appeals" as required to petition for a writ of certiorari. Therefore, the deadline of thirty (30) days to petition the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari has not been triggered.

It is my understanding that upon the Court of Appeals ruling on the suggestion for rehearing *en banc*, the decision below will be "final" and we may then petition for a writ of certiorari within the time and manner allowed by Rule 242, SCACR.

If I have misstated or misunderstood any of our conversation, please contact me immediately. Also, I want to sincerely thank you and the staff at the Court of Appeals for your attention to this question and the time spent on numerous phone calls regarding the issue.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



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