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Re: Christopher Sanchez v. State
Appellate Case No. 2014-000932
Lower Court Case No. 2012-CP-23-076051

Dear Counsel:

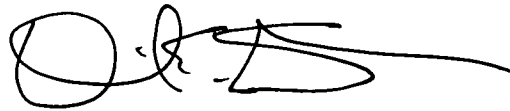
In this post-conviction relief case, Ms. Horlbeck has served and filed a notice of appeal from an order of dismissal dated March 19, 2014. This order of dismissal, which is enclosed, was filed with the clerk of the circuit court on March 25, 2014. A copy of the notice of appeal is enclosed.

While the public case index for Greenville County indicates that Ms. Horlbeck represents petitioner, the order of dismissal indicates that Mr. Johnson represented petitioner. As I understand it from my staff, Mr. Johnson has not previously received written notice of entry of the order of March 19, 2014.

I ask that you please advise this Court as to who represented Mr. Sanchez before the circuit court. This information should be provided within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

I, of course, express no opinion regarding the legal effect of the notice of appeal if it has been made by a person who is not his counsel. If Mr. Johnson is in fact his counsel, he may wish to consider if a new notice of appeal should be served and filed in this matter. In the event that Mr. Johnson is petitioner's counsel and decides to file a timely post-trial motion rather than to appeal, I would ask him to immediately notify this court when that motion is filed so that this appeal can be dismissed without prejudice under *Hudson v. Hudson*, 290 S.C. 215, 349 S.E.2d 341 (1986).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'O' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosures

Notice of Appeal
Order of Dismissal

cc: Karen Christine Ratigan, Esquire