



The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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Re: State of South Carolina v. Allen F. Stone, Indictment No. 2011-GS-10-7494

Dear Sir:

Judge Pieper received your letter dated April 24, 2012 on April 26, 2012. Court rules do not allow appellate judges to provide legal assistance to a litigant with any case before the court. We cannot give legal advice and you may miss a filing deadline if you do not comply with proper filing procedures with the Clerk of the Court of Appeals. Therefore, we encourage you to discuss your case with your attorney and familiarize yourself with court rules.

Henceforth, due to your desire to appeal, we will return any correspondence to you for proper submission to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at the following address:

The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings
Clerk of Court of the South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
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Please be advised that we cannot accept any further letters, as we are not the proper filing office. We mailed your letter to the Clerk this time but cannot accept future filings. Any further matters relating to an appeal should be directed to the Clerk's office for the Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline C. Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Caroline C. Leary
AA/Law Clerk to the Honorable Daniel F. Pieper

Cc: The Honorable Jenny A. Kitchings, Clerk of Court
Martha Kent Runey, Assistant Public Defender