

April 28, 2014

VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Hon. Jenny Abbott Kitchings
Clerk
Attention: Elizabeth Carter
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1015 Sumter Street
Columbia, SC 29211

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Re: Protection and Advocacy for the People with Disabilities, Inc.; M.J.B. on behalf of and as next friend of J.B.; C.B.B. on behalf of and as guardian of P.B.; G.C. and L.C. on behalf of and as guardians of F.C.; D.P. on behalf of and as guardian of C.M.D.; K.F. and S.F. on behalf of and as next friend of A.E.; J.H. on behalf of and as next friend of A.J.; G.M. on behalf of and as next friend of E.M.; N.M. on behalf of and as guardian of E.J.M.; R.P. on behalf of and as Guardian of S.P.; R.R. and J.R. on behalf of and as guardians of K.D.R.; and J.K. on behalf of and as guardian of S.S, **APPELLANTS** v. South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; Dr. Beverly Buscemi, in her official capacity as Director of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs; and Nancy Banor, Deborah McPherson, Christine Sharp, Rick Huntress, Fred Lynn, Harvey Shiver and Kelly Hanson Floyd, as Commissioners of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs **RESPONDENTS**
Appeal from Richland County Court of Common Pleas
Case No. 2007-CP-40-02187
Appellate Case No. 2014-000244

Dear Ms. Carter:

As you requested, I have personally examined our files to determine when we received the transcript of hearing conducted on August 6, 2013, before Judge Cooper. Our records reflect that the hearing transcript for August 6, 2013, was received by my office on March 28, 2014. Based on our receipt of the transcript on March 28, 2014, we concluded that under the Appellate Court rules our initial brief and designation of matter would be due on or before April 27, 2014. Since April 27 falls on a Sunday, the filing date would then extend to Monday, April 28.

After consulting with opposing counsel, our request for a forty-five day extension was based on our own court schedules and existing deadlines and upon a request by counsel for DDSN for forty-five days in order to accommodate their own schedules and deadlines and to avoid conflicts with previously scheduled church matters.

If you should have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You are welcome to call me on my cell phone at (803) 463-9660 at any time. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill" and "Steven W. Hamm", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill
Steven W. Hamm

SWH/CJWH/kjt

cc: Kenneth P. Woodington, Esq.



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