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Mr. George Emanuel Counts  
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Re: Donald Hurlbert v. State, 2011-CP-10-04018  
Appellate Case No. 2012-212353

Dear Counsel:

In this post-conviction relief case, this Court has received a *pro se* notice of appeal from the order dated May 24, 2012. A copy of this *pro se* notice of appeal is enclosed, and this case has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

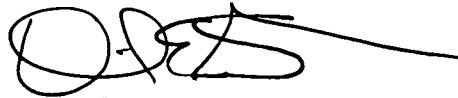
Since you were petitioner's counsel below, I remind you that you remain his counsel of record in this matter under Rule 264(a), SCACR. *See also* Rule 71.1(g), SCRCP ("If an applicant represented by counsel desires to appeal, counsel shall serve and file a Notice of Appeal as required by Rule 243, SCACR, and shall continue to represent the applicant on appeal unless automatically relieved under Rule 602, SCACR, or allowed to withdraw under Rule 264, SCACR. If the applicant is indigent, counsel shall assist the applicant in obtaining representation by the Division of Appellate Defense of the Office of Indigent Defense.").

To determine the timeliness of this appeal, I ask you to please advise this Court of the date on which you received written notice of entry of the order on appeal. This information should be provided within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at [www.sccourts.org/courtreg](http://www.sccourts.org/courtreg). Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at [www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/HTMLFiles/2007-08-13-02.htm](http://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/HTMLFiles/2007-08-13-02.htm). Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will *not* review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

Very truly yours,

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

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Donald James Hulbert  
Karen Christine Ratigan, Esquire