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**S.C. SUPREME COURT**

*Via U.S. Mail*

Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Supreme Court of South Carolina  
Post Office Box 11330  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re: *1634 Main, LP vs. Shirley Hammer vs. Howard Hammer and Hammer v Hammer*  
Appellate Case No: 2014-000965

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

This follows Mr. Bunch's letter to you dated January 18, 2015 in which he relayed our joint request that the Court delay a ruling on Mrs. Hammer's pending motion for attorney fees and costs not be decided until after January 30, 2015 while renewed settlement discussions occurred.

The parties were engaging in settlement discussions in good faith. We had a follow-up hearing with Judge Strickland on January 27, 2015, but we recessed the proceedings and we are awaiting proposed modifications from Mr. Hammer's attorney to proposed settlement terms that Mrs. Hammer had been willing to entertain. However, despite Mrs. Hammer's request, no deadline was established for Mr. Hammer's attorneys to respond to the settlement proposal. Mrs. Hammer cannot keep her settlement offer to Mr. Hammer open indefinitely; she believes it necessary to keep the matter moving toward an eventual conclusion.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Mrs. Hammer does not consent to extend the joint request to delay the Supreme Court's ruling on the pending motion for attorney fees and costs beyond January 30, 2015.

We appreciate the Court's kind attention to this matter, and thank you for receiving Mrs. Hammer's objection to further delays.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Desa Ballard

cc: Thomas Bunch, Esq. (via U.S. Mail)