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Re: Julie Freeman v. J.L.H. Investments
Appellate Case No. 2014-000642

Dear Mr. Becker:

This responds to your letter dated February 9, 2015.

In your letter, you reference proceedings in the circuit court regarding the approval of a settlement. Unless I have simply overlooked it, I do not see any order of either the South Carolina Court of Appeals or this Court remanding this case to the circuit court to approve any settlement.

I call your attention to the fact that this Court now has exclusive jurisdiction over this case. Rule 205 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). If there is a settlement that needs approval during the pendency of this appeal, that agreement will most likely need to be submitted to this Court under Rule 261(b), SCACR. *Lancaster v. Georgia-Pacific Corp.*, 403 S.C. 136, 742 S.E.2d 867 (2013) ("because the issue of parties submitting settlement agreements to the lower court while the matter is pending before this Court has arisen with increasing frequency of late, we hereby remind the bench and bar that action on a settlement may not be taken by the lower court, except with regard to matters not affected by

the appeal, while the matter is pending before this Court. The parties must first seek to have the matter remanded to the lower court.").

Finally, if you believe that any decision in this matter should be stayed, that relief will have to be requested by motion.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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