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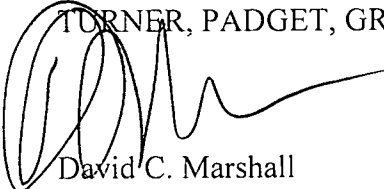
Re: George Skipper, Veronica Skipper, Michael Perry Bowers, Specialty Logging, LLC and Harold Moors v. ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Brantley C. Rowlen and Erin Lawson Coia  
Appellate Case No.: 2014-001979

Dear Ms. Shearouse:

Enclosed please find the original and seven copies of the Motion For Leave To File Brief Of Amicus Curiae South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association regarding the above-referenced matter. Also enclosed are the original and one copy of the Proof of Service and our check for the filing fee. Please file the original documents and return clocked copies to me via our office courier. Thank you for your assistance with this matter, and please contact me if you have any questions.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

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CERTIFIED QUESTION FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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J. Michelle Childs, United States District Judge

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to Rule 213, SCACR, the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association ("SCDTAA") hereby moves for leave of this Court to file a brief as amicus curiae, for the following reasons:

1. This appeal involves a certified question involving the assignability among adversaries of a legal malpractice claim.

2. The resolution of the certified question affects all attorneys practicing law in South Carolina, including members of the SCDTAA, since all practicing attorneys face the prospect of a potential claim for legal malpractice. Accordingly, the Court's decision will potentially affect all attorneys in South Carolina because it will determine their

clients' ability to assign claims for professional negligence to adversarial third parties.

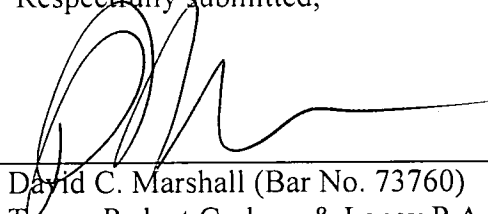
3. Members of the SCDTAA consist of defense attorneys practicing law in South Carolina representing individuals, entities, and insurance carriers in all aspects of litigation, including but not limited to insurance defense, professional negligence, and legal malpractice.

4. The SCDTAA believes its submission of an amicus curiae brief would be desirable and helpful to the Court. The brief will outline and analyze the issues from the perspective of the practicing bar and provide additional analysis of the policy considerations and potential ramifications of the Court's decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify this 19th day of February 2015 that I have served a copy of the MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE SOUTH CAROLINA DEFENSE TRIAL ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION upon other counsel of record, by mailing same, postage prepaid in the United States mail, addressed to the following:

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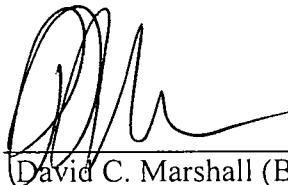
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