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The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings  
SC Court of Appeals Clerk of Court  
1015 Sumter Street  
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RE: In the Matter of William Isaac Diggs  
14-REC-012

Dear Ms. Kitchings :

On March 3, 2015, the Supreme Court of South Carolina suspended Stephen Edward Carter from the practice of law. In the Order of suspension signed by Chief Justice Jean H. Toal, I was appointed as the Receiver to protect his client's interests as required by Rule 31, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR. A copy of the Chief Justice's Order is attached for your reference.

My office took possession of Mr. Carter's files on March 6, 2015, and I am in the process of inventorying those files so that I can notify clients. It is my understanding Mr. Carter is presently the attorney of record in the matter of Jameel Rizk v. Judy Simmons, Case No: 2014-001729. Therefore, in the interest of protecting his client, I would ask that you please take note of Mr. Carter's suspension allowing time for his client to obtain new counsel.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Peyre T. Lumpkin

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Enclosure

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In the Matter of Stephen Edward Carter, Respondent.

Appellate Case Nos. 2015-000403 and -000404

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## ORDER

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The Office of Disciplinary Counsel petitions this Court to place respondent on interim suspension pursuant to Rule 17(b), RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR, and/or transfer respondent to incapacity inactive status pursuant to Rule 28, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR. The petition also seeks appointment of the Receiver to protect the interests of respondent's clients pursuant to Rule 31, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR. Respondent consents to the petition.

IT IS ORDERED that respondent's license to practice law in this state is suspended until further order of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Peyre Thomas Lumpkin, Esquire, Receiver, is hereby appointed to assume responsibility for respondent's client files, trust account(s), escrow account(s), operating account(s), and any other law office accounts respondent may maintain. Mr. Lumpkin shall take action as required by Rule 31, RLDE, Rule 413, SCACR, to protect the interests of respondent's clients. Mr. Lumpkin may make disbursements from respondent's trust account(s), escrow account(s), operating account(s), and any other law office accounts respondent may maintain that are necessary to effectuate this appointment.

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This Order, when served on any bank or other financial institution maintaining trust, escrow and/or operating account(s) of respondent, shall serve as an injunction to prevent respondent from making withdrawals from the account(s) and shall further serve as notice to the bank or other financial institution that the Receiver, Peyre Thomas Lumpkin, Esquire, has been duly appointed by this Court.

Finally, this Order, when served on any office of the United States Postal Service, shall serve as notice that the Receiver, Peyre Thomas Lumpkin, Esquire, has been

duly appointed by this Court and has the authority to receive respondent's mail and the authority to direct that respondent's mail be delivered to Mr. Lumpkin's office.

Mr. Lumpkin's appointment shall be for a period of no longer than nine months unless an extension of the period of appointment is requested.

  
FOR THE COURT

Columbia, South Carolina  
March 3, 2015

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