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

Dear Mr. Becker:

The Court has considered your letter dated February 23, 2015.<sup>1</sup>

I have been instructed to inform you that the Court believes that the high/low risk agreement that you have referenced in your letter is in the nature of a settlement agreement, and that the circuit court has no authority to consider or approve this agreement during the pendency of this appeal without a remand from this Court. *Lancaster v. Georgia-Pacific Corp.*, 403 S.C. 136, 742 S.E.2d 867 (2013); and Rule 261 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules.

Further, based on the information that you have provided about this agreement, the Court indicates that it would not be inclined to either approve this agreement or remand it to the circuit court to determine if the agreement should be approved. Therefore, barring a settlement that resolves all of the issues in this appeal, this

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<sup>1</sup> Justice Pleicones is not participating in this case.

matter will proceed to oral argument as previously scheduled.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "D. E. ...", written over a horizontal line.

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