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Honorable Jeanette F. Barber
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

RE: Ruth J. Person v. Thomas v. Mincheff, M.D., Hartsville Surgical Center, and
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center
Civil Action No.: 01-CP-16-0813
Our File: 1863/4062

Dear Ms. Barber:

Enclosed for filing, under the provisions of Rule 208(b)(7), SCACR, is a supplemental citation that the Respondent seeks to bring to the attention of the Court. The citation is to Wood v. Hilton Head Hospital, Inc., 292 S.C. 402, 405, 356 S.E.2d 841, 842 (1987). The issue addressed therein is the availability in South Carolina of a cause of action for negligent credentialing by a hospital. This issue is addressed in pp. 14-22 of Respondent's brief. The citation states, in the part pertinent here, that "[i]t is well settled in South Carolina, and throughout the country, that it is improper for the courts to review the decisions of governing boards of private hospitals concerning staff privileges of practitioners" (citations omitted). This is a key issue in the present appeal.

This correspondence is being served on opposing counsel along with the cited documents.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

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