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RE: State v. Esaiveus Booker Appellate Case No. 2013-000207  
State v. Michael Antonio Williams Appellate Case No. 2013-000091  
State v. Raymond Lewis Young Appellate Case No. 2013-000149

Dear Ms. Allen:

This letter is being sent as you requested in your email to Kimberly McCall today in an effort to expedite our receipt of that portion of the trial transcript (closing arguments) in the above named cases which is missing. A brief summary is as follows:

When the transcript was initially received, Ms. Hiskell informed us that she was unable to transcribe the closing arguments of the trial. Our motion to reconstruct the record was granted by the Court of Appeals on October 17, 2014.

On January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015, Ms. Hiskell contacted Ms. McCall stating that she could provide us with that portion of the transcript that she was previously unable to transcribe. We have been sending update letters to the Court of Appeals every 30 days regarding the status of that transcript.

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Hiskell sent Ms. McCall an email stating that she would be mailing that portion of the transcript (closing arguments) the following day. When the transcript was not received, Ms. McCall followed-up with emails on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and again on April 28<sup>th</sup>. There has been no response to these inquiries.

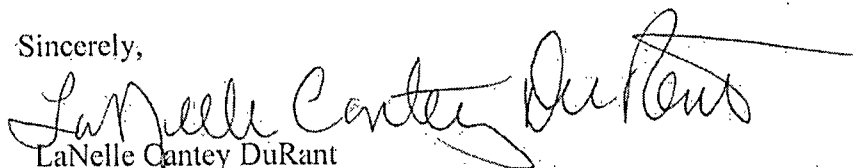
As of today's date, we have not received that portion of the transcript. It took almost 14 months for us to obtain the transcript (excluding the closing arguments). Now we are having additional significant delays that have to be explained to the Court.

Our concern is the delay being caused to our clients in their appeals. We would appreciate your help in this matter.

Please contact us if additional information is needed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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