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Via Hand Delivery

The Honorable Jenny Abbot Kitchings  
South Carolina Court of Appeals Clerk of Court  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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SC Court of Appeals

Re: *Burton, et al. v. Pitts, et al.*  
Appellate Case No.: 2015-001053

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

We are in receipt of your letter dated June 5, 2015 regarding inquiry into the status of any transcript requests in the above-referenced matter. After a review of the lower court proceedings, we have just determined that we are already in possession of all necessary transcripts, and thus have not issued any additional transcript requests.

However, Desa Ballard and I respectfully move to withdraw as appellate counsel for Appellants in this matter. Accordingly, please treat this correspondence as a motion for an order approving that withdrawal as counsel.

Additionally, as part of our motion to withdraw, we are also seeking an extension of Appellants' deadline to file the initial brief. We ask that the deadline to file that initial brief be extended forty-five days from the date of this letter to allow time to secure successor counsel plus a standard period during which to prepare the brief by that counsel. Or in the alternative, such other extension of time as the Court deems reasonable for successor counsel to appear and prepare a brief. Because no time has been spent waiting on a transcript to be prepared, we are informed and believe that Respondents will not be prejudiced by this short period requested.

We have enclosed a filing fee of \$25 for this motion. Please advise if any additional filing to allow for that withdrawal is necessary and we will submit it immediately. A copy of this letter is being served upon counsel for the Respondents via facsimile.

Thank you for your time in this matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. With warm personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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