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S.C. Supreme Court

The Honorable Daniel E. Shearouse  
Clerk of Court, S.C. Supreme Court  
Post Office Box 11330  
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Re: In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons v. South Carolina  
Department of Mental Health and Alan Wilson, South Carolina Attorney General - Appellate  
Case No. 2012-212728

and

In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons - Appellate Case No. 2011-194610

Dear Mr. Shearouse:

I write to make the Supreme Court aware that I do not oppose the Motion to Consolidate filed by Attorneys Brana J. Williams and Gene M. Connell, Jr., in the case, *In the Matter of the Care and Treatment of Thomas Simmons v. South Carolina Department of Mental Health and Alan Wilson, South Carolina Attorney General*.

However, I submit the ruling on this matter to the discretion of this Court.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Appellate Defender

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