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Re: Clark Thomas v. State  
Appellate Case No. 2015-002286  
Lower Court Case No. 2012CP1008354

Dear Counsel:

This Court has received your notice of appeal in this post-conviction relief case, and this matter has been assigned the appellate case number that appears above. Please use this number on all future correspondence relating to this matter.

All parties to this matter are advised that all filings must comply with the requirements of Rule 267 of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR). The SCACR are available online at [www.sccourts.org/courtreg](http://www.sccourts.org/courtreg). Additionally, any filings submitted by counsel admitted in South Carolina must include counsel's bar number.

The attention of the parties is directed to the order relating to the inclusion of personal data identifiers and other sensitive information in documents filed with the Supreme Court of South Carolina and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The order can be found at

[www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02](http://www.sccourts.org/courtOrders/displayOrder.cfm?orderNo=2014-04-15-02). Please note that the responsibility for insuring that information is redacted or sealed as

required by this order rests with counsel and the parties. This office will not review filings for redaction or to determine if materials should be sealed.

I am copying Tristan Shaffer, Esquire, with this letter since I see no indication in the public case index for Charleston County that he has been relieved as counsel for the petitioner. Further, the records of this Court currently reflect that both you and Mr. Shaffer are petitioner's counsel in this matter. Rules 264(a)(counsel before the lower court deemed counsel before the appellate court) and 602(e)(2) (appointed counsel may only be relieved upon written order), SCACR.

Finally, if you or Mr. Shaffer believe that your client is indigent, you will need to assist him in obtaining representation by the Division of Appellate Defense of the Office of Indigent Defense. Rule 71.1(g) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure.<sup>1</sup> You should immediately contact Appellate Defense to determine what information will be needed. The phone number for that office is 803-734-1330.

Very truly yours,



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cc: James Rutledge Johnson, Esquire  
Division of Appellate Defense  
Tristan M. Shaffer, Esquire

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<sup>1</sup> This rule states, in part:

If an applicant represented by counsel desires to appeal, counsel shall serve and file a Notice of Appeal as required by Rule 243, SCACR, and shall continue to represent the applicant on appeal unless automatically relieved under Rule 602, SCACR, or allowed to withdraw under Rule 264, SCACR. If the applicant is indigent, counsel shall assist the applicant in obtaining representation by the Division of Appellate Defense of the Office of Indigent Defense.